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## GERMAN DECISION ON SEIZURE OF WARSHIP EXPECTED TO-DAY

### REWARD FOR SOONG?

### TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF EXECUTIVE YUAN?

#### CHANG TO VISIT SHANGHAI

Nanking, To-day.

It is persistently rumoured that Mr. T. V. Soong may become President of the Executive Yuan in succession to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who would retain the chairmanship of the Military Affairs Commission.

It is learned from a reliable source that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang will return to Sianfu shortly to resume his post in order to give him a further opportunity to prove his loyalty and sincerity. General Yang Hu-chuen will also be treated leniently. — Reuter.

Canton: It is officially reported that Mr. Chiang Tso-pin, Minister of the Interior, General Chen Cheng, Vice-Minister of War, General Chien Tai-kuan, chief aid-de-camp to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and the rest of the captives in the Shensi Revolt have been released and arrived safely at Nanking at 2.50 a.m. yesterday. It is learned that before their departure, they were given a farewell dinner by General Yang Fu-cheng, one of the rebel leaders.

#### Troublesome Period Ahead

#### BRITISH JOURNAL'S COMMENT

London: Whilst ironically paying tribute to the "shining example of courtesy just given by two Chinese generals," and remarking that, officially anyhow, the release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was accompanied by no rude clinking of coins, the *Morning Post* draws attention to the danger that the example may be followed and says that no man could have risen to the Generalissimo's pre-eminence at such an early age without making powerful enemies.

There are stronger and more resolute marshals at large in China than the Young Marshal, and should any of them seek to emulate him the result might be disastrous.

Generalissimo Chiang has done great work for China and should he go who knows to what lengths the vociferous Young China might not push him and his less skilful associates in the Nanking Government. — Reuter.

#### "Times" Viewpoint

London: The release of the Generalissimo will be welcomed by all foreigners who realise how much his sane and prudent leadership has contributed to the unification and development of the new China, says the *Times* in a leading article.

The journal adds that it hopes that the Generalissimo will not think it necessary for him to resign office for any reason of "face" and says that while Mr. T. V. Soong is doubtless an excellent Finance Minister, his excursions into military and foreign affairs have been more adventurous than successful.

The *Times* commends the fortitude of the Nanking Government and the Generalissimo in holding out against the threats of the Young Marshal and says that whatever the latter's original motives might have been, by his repentance and surrender he has saved the country from a formidable civil war in which the Communists might have taken a hand, and also from a disastrous loss of prestige.

The *News Chronicle*, in an editorial, says that the competence and the success of the Nanking Government in the matter may bring good from evil by strengthening its authority. That is probably the best hope for China, the article concludes. — Reuter.

Reliable reports state that the Central Government is going to reward Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Economic Commission, Mr. W. H. Donald, British adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, General Ho Ying-ching, the War Minister, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Pacification Commissioner of Shansi and Suiyuan, Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the Military Commission, and General Chiang Ying-men, Pacification Commissioner of Fukien, for their services in the release of the Generalissimo. It is stated that the Generalissimo will probably devote his whole time to military affairs from now on, and Mr. Soong will succeed him as the President of the Executive Yuan, which bears the same responsibility as the Premiership of Great Britain.

It is also learned that Mr. Donald flew to Shanghai yesterday morning to make arrangements for the Young Marshal's departure thence in the course of the next few days. — *Our Own Correspondent*.

#### Private Conference

Canton: Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek held a private conference in his residence with General Ho Ying-ching, the War Minister, yesterday, to formulate some proposals to the Government for rehabilitation work in Shensi Province.

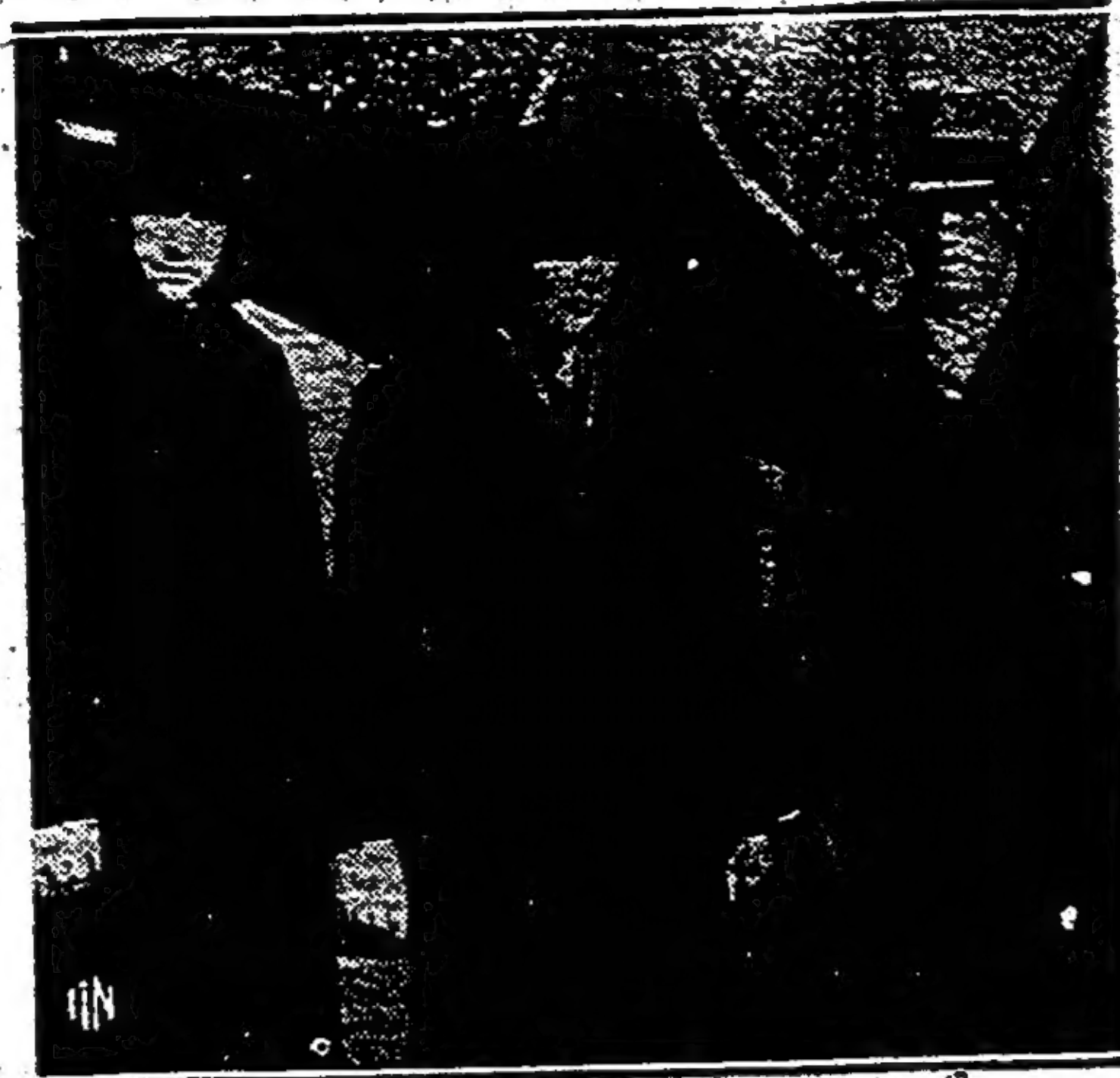
It is stated that at the meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang this morning, the proposals of the Generalissimo, as well as the question of the punishment of the Young Marshal and the Shensi rebels, will be discussed. — *Our Own Correspondent*.

#### South China Defence

Canton, To-day.—It is reliably reported that the Central Government has summoned General Yu Hon-mow, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangtung, to Nanking to discuss the national defence scheme of South China. It is learned that General Yu will leave the city for the capital in a couple of days. It is also learned that General Chen Cheng, the Vice-Minister of War, will come to Canton to resume his post concurrently as the Chief of Staff at the Generalissimo's Whampoa Headquarters. — *Our Own Correspondent*.

#### WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains over China and has weakened considerably, but, in the absence of reports from the majority of the inland stations, this is uncertain. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was North-east winds; moderate; fair.



Clyde Pangborn, internationally famous pilot, Reeder Nichols, radioman, and Marion Grevenberg, co-pilot (left to right), are here shown in New York planning their trip to Montreal from where they will fly a new type Bessie airplane for delivery to England. They anticipate no difficulty. Just a job of delivering the plane to the purchaser, they say, even if it is overcast.

### HUGE MONGKOK BLAZE

#### NO CASUALTIES REPORTED IN TIMBER YARD OUTBREAK

Shortly after 7.30 a.m. this morning, a fire broke out in a timber yard in Mongkok and within only a few minutes a very large area was ablaze, so rapidly did the flames spread.

#### LARGE FIRE IN UNDERGROUND RAILWAY STN.

#### ANXIETY IN BERLIN SUBURB

#### NEIGHBOURING HOUSES THREATENED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

A large fire broke out at 6 p.m. yesterday in the underground railway now in the course of construction at Potsdamerplatz, the new North-South Suburban Railway.

In order not to obstruct traffic above the ground, many provisional workshops had been established underground in the future station in connection with the further extension of the tunnel. The material in these workshops, together with the wooden beams supporting the shaft and the wooden planks above now serving as a roadway, consequently provided a great mass of material for the flames, which developed and came pouring through the cracks in the wooden roadway and made the work of the fire brigades extremely difficult.

#### ANXIETY FELT

Firemen were forced to wear smoke-masks in order to get within effective distance of the fire. Enormous quantities of water were poured into the shaft, but up to the present the fire has not been subdued.

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#### MRS. TONG STILL IN GRAVE CONDITION

#### Slight Improvement Reported

Dr. J. T. Smalley, Medical Officer in Charge of the Kowloon Hospital, informed the *China Mail* this morning that Mrs. M. S. Tong, who was involved in a motor mishap last Saturday, was, on the whole, a little better this morning. Her condition, however, is still very serious.

Mrs. Y. C. Cheng, the other lady injured at the same time, has made very good progress and her condition is reported to be very satisfactory.

### MORE VESSELS SENT TO BILBAO

### FRENCH REPORT DENIED IN BERLIN

#### INDIGNATION IN OFFICIAL QUARTERS

Berlin, To-day.

Germany's attitude in regard to the seizure of the warship *Palos* will be announced either to-day or to-morrow. In the meantime it is generally agreed that German warships will be sent to Bilbao, though it is not known at present precisely what orders will be given them.

Semi-official comments on the Anglo-French representations on the subject of the despatch of volunteers to Spain point out that Germany, months ago, emphasised that volunteers were the most important aspect of intervention.

An authoritative spokesman told Reuter that many persons from all countries want to join the fight in Spain. The other side started its support much earlier by collecting money on behalf of the Spanish Government. — Reuter.

Berlin: The report in French political circles that the number of German troops fighting with General Franco's army is estimated to be between twenty and twenty-five thousand, consisting of 5,000 men in special services and two regular divisions of the army, is vigorously denied by the German semi-official news-agency.

In political circles in Berlin, states the agency, it is unknown from which French circles such misleading statements could have come from, but in any case it must be from the circles who have interest in poisoning the political atmosphere, as the grotesque figures mentioned were purely an invention. — *Trans-Ocean Service*.

Berlin: The British and French Ambassadors called at the Foreign Office at noon yesterday and each handed a Memorandum to Dr. Gaus, the Chief Judicial Adviser to the Foreign Office, concerning the present conditions of non-intervention in Spain. It is stated that both Notes were of a similar nature. — Reuter.

#### GERMAN VIEWPOINT

Berlin: The fact that the British and French Governments have taken diplomatic steps in the capitals of the other countries represented in the Non-Intervention Committee in order to point out the importance of the question of the participation of foreign volunteers in the Spanish conflict has now been confirmed by a semi-official news agency here, which adds that the German Government had described this question, some months ago, as one of the most important forms of interference in Spanish affairs. — *Trans-Ocean Service*.

About 12 firms were involved in the fire and the damage done was estimated at over \$12,000.

#### OVER \$50,000 DAMAGE

Later: Up to the time of going to press investigations at the timber-yard fire at Mong Kok have revealed that the damage caused amounted to over \$50,000. According to one of the timber-ahack owners, further investigations will probably result in this amount running into six figures.

### Mediterranean Agreement "Accomplished Fact"

Rome, To-day.—The Anglo-Italian Mediterranean agreement can be regarded as an accomplished fact, it is declared in well-informed circles here.

The final formal agreement was definitely settled, it is understood, at the last conversation between the British Ambassador, Sir Neil Drummond, and Count Ciano last Saturday, and the agreement is expected to comprise the following five points:

(1) Mutual obligations to maintain peace.  
(2) An assurance that each country will respect the interests of the other.

(3) An assurance that free access to the Mediterranean will be maintained.

(4) An assurance of free and unrestricted traffic on all seas.

(5) An assurance that *status quo* will be maintained in the Mediterranean with regard to the strategic positions of the naval bases and spheres of influence of both countries.

A draft of the agreement is now only awaiting its final approval in London, and it is expected that the agreement will be signed early in the new year. — *Trans-Ocean Service*.

### SEVERE FIGHTING REPORTED

#### Both Sides Suffer Heavy Losses

#### GOVERNMENT TROOPS LAUNCH DAWN OFFENSIVE

Madrid, To-day.

Severe fighting was reported on the Madrid front yesterday. The Government offensive on the Barriodensera sector, south of Madrid, began at 7.30 a.m. with heavy and precise artillery fire preceding the advance of the militia, which was intended to hamper General Franco's plans to encircle Madrid and open up the possibility of taking Casademonte in a flank movement.

Meanwhile, the insurgents made a vigorous attack towards Casademonte and crossed the Manzanares, drove back the Government troops who, however, rallied, and, supported by a heavy artillery fire, counter-attacked the insurgents and after violent fighting repulsed them. Both sides suffered heavy casualties. — Reuter.

#### Lead Deposits For Valencia Govt.

Paris: All the lead deposits in the provinces of Cartagena and Ciudad Real have been requisitioned by the Valencia Government, states the *Echo de Paris*. The lead will be supplied to the Soviet Union under the provisions of the trade treaty recently concluded, the Soviet Union supplying military equipment in return. — *Trans-Ocean Service*.

#### Franco's Forces Take Many Prisoners

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Salamanca: On Boxing Day, according to the latest bulletin issued here, the Fifth Division of General Franco's army repulsed an attack made by the enemy near Corbalan, inflicting heavy losses. Troops of the Southern Army were engaged in cleaning up the ground gained during the actions of the past few days and took many prisoners, mostly members of the International Brigade, who were surprised in their dug-outs. — *Trans-Ocean Service*.

#### EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN

One Killed And 500 Houses  
Damaged At Niijima Island

Tokyo, To-day.  
An earthquake was felt in Tokyo and other parts of Japan yesterday. Considerable damage was reported from Niijima Island, where it is stated that one was killed, two are missing, ten were injured and 500 houses were damaged. — Reuter.

### STRIKE THREAT IN FRANCE

#### "FIRST WARNING" DELIVERED

100,000 TO STOP WORK  
TO-MORROW

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

Discontent among the French workers in the neighbourhood continues. Work in many of the factories has not yet been running smoothly and fresh strikes are expected. It is stated that 100,000 employees of the Paris Municipal Administration have decided to go on strike to-morrow to give expression of their dissatisfaction. This strike, however, will be more in the nature of a gesture since it will last only one hour and will be carried out in such a way so as not to affect hospitals, and the transport, light, gas and water services.

#### COMPULSORY ARBITRATION IN LABOUR DISPUTES

Paris, To-day.—The Senate, by 170 votes to 89, adopted the Bill providing for compulsory arbitration in the labour disputes with a few modifications to the text as passed by the Chamber. — Reuter.

In the evening the workers will hold a demonstration in front of the town hall, while a deputation will lay their grievances before the City Administration.

The chief demand of the municipal employees is for an increase in their wages since although the Popular Front Government granted an increase to workers in private industry after taking over office, it has not been in a position to raise the wages of the municipal workers or even to restore the cut in their wages made by the Laval Government.

The City Administration have previously refused to entertain any demand for increased wages and the strike planned has been described as the "first warning." — *Trans-Ocean Service*.

#### M.C.C. BOWLERS FALTER

Country Eleven Total  
184 For 4

Newcastle, To-day.

The M.C.C. touring team, who are to meet Australia in the Third Test on New Year's Day, began their match against the New South Wales Country eleven here to-day after rain had caused no play on Saturday.

The home team batted first and had scored 110 for 3 at lunch, when rain again fell. When the game was resumed the Country Eleven took their total to 184 for 4, declared, Beattie being 124 not out. — Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

M.C.C. 61 for no wicket (tea). — Reuter.



# Sporting Page

## DISAPPOINTING MEN'S HOCKEY TRIAL HELD AT KING'S PARK

### THREE CENTURIES IN FOUR MATCHES

E. F. FINCHER, T. A. PEARCE AND D'ARCY-EVANS

DUNNE'S HURRICANE HITTING

(By "Adrem")

THE annual Triangular Tournament matches between the Navy, Army and Club, were the chief items of interest in the week-end cricket programme. On Wednesday and Thursday, the Navy played the Army and scored a very good win, while yesterday, the Club were most unfortunate in not defeating the Army after Alec Pearce had scored a brilliant century. The Navy are showing excellent form at the moment and should give a very good account of themselves when they meet the Club.

The first match of the series was played on the Club ground between the Navy and the Army on Wednesday. The Navy had first lease of the wicket and were never comfortable against some fine bowling by Garthwaite. Comdr. Boucher was the only batsman to show any confidence, and if it had not been for his contribution of 47 the Navy would have been in a very sorry plight indeed.

A left-handed bat of considerable experience, Boucher hit six fours and two sixes before he was bowled by Garthwaite, who returned the excellent analysis of 22 overs, 5 maidens, 49 runs and 7 wickets. Garthwaite has not met with much success with the ball recently owing to a damaged leg and his return to form, shortly before his departure for Home, will be welcomed by all his well-wishers.

### Saturday's Results At A Glance

#### "SUNDAY HERALD" INTERNATIONAL CHARTER CUP

CHINA	1	ENGLAND	3
PORTUGAL	1	WALES	3

#### SATURDAY'S GOAL-SCORERS

Smith, (England)	2
Tatler, (Wales)	2
Sandford, (England)	1
Chan Yue-tin, (China)	1
Smith, (Wales)	1
B. Cosano, (Portugal)	1

### RICHARDSON CRITICISES SELECTORS

Ebeling Should Have Been Chosen

LEFT-HANDER'S ABSENCE REGRETTED

Sydney, November 26. The following are some of the comments by leading cricket authorities in Australia, including V. Y. Richardson, who captained the successful Australian Test eleven to South Africa last year, on the 12 selected Australian players for the First Test Match:—  
V. Y. Richardson: The selection of Sievers is sensational. He could well be dropped in favour of Grimmett. This would ensure an adequate attack against England's vulnerable point instead of feeding them with fast-medium bowling on which they have been bred. Ebeling should have been chosen.

Clem Hill: I am surprised at the choice of Sievers. He is not a good opening bat. Grimmett's omission is unfortunate, but Ward spins the ball more and is a younger man. O'Reilly should open the bowling; he can be hostile with the new ball. There is no sounder or better defensive batsman in Australia than Bradock.

Chairman's Remarks  
Dr. A. Robertson (Chairman, Australian Board of Control): An excellent team. Strong in batting and bowling.  
Dr. R. L. Morton (Victorian representative on Board of Control): A very powerful side, but I regret absence of left-handers.  
W. L. Kelly (former member of Australian Board of Control): Sievers will fill the gap left by Fairfax.

The Army did not start their innings too well. They had lost four wickets for only 50 runs when Capt. Welch became associated with Lt. Prichard. The score was then carried to 141 before they were separated. Prichard made 39, while Welch hit no fewer than 12 boundaries in scoring 67. At the close of play on Wednesday the Army were 15 runs on, with three wickets in hand.

"Tail" Waggs  
On resuming on Thursday, the Army "tail" wagged to such good effect that 50 more runs were added before the last wicket fell. Lt. Murphy was chiefly responsible, compiling 31 runs before being dismissed by Prowse.

Commencing their second innings 65 runs in arrears, the Navy set about their task with a will and, thanks to contributions of 35 by Lt. Phillimore, 66 by Surg-Lt Kirkwood, 38 by Comdr. Wauchope and 68 not out by Comdr. Hayter, were able to declare at 3.30 with their total at 244.

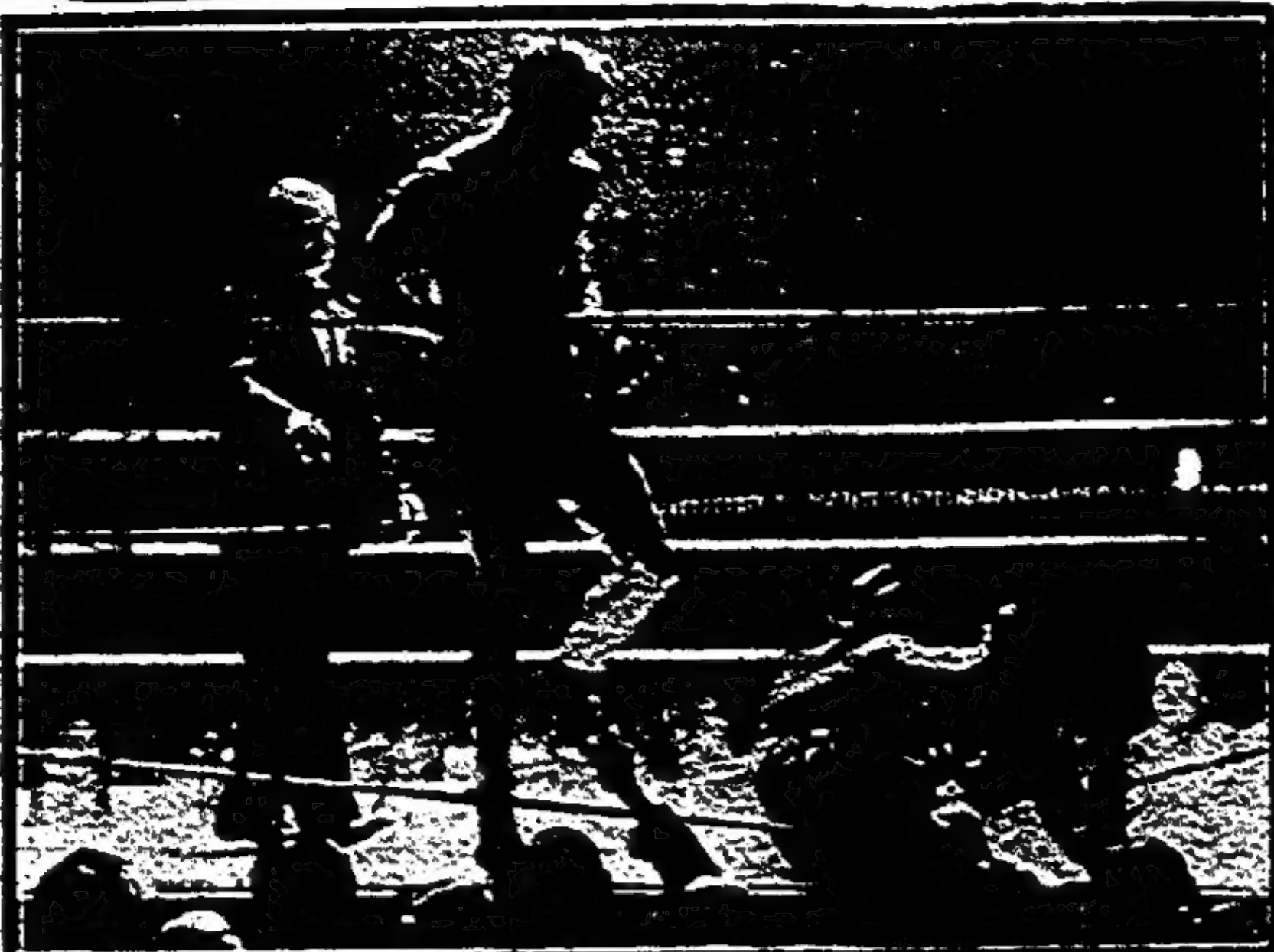
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### YACHT RACE TO MACAU

Sealark V Wins In Field Of Fifteen

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club race for Cruisers to Macau, over a course of 70 miles resulted in a win for Mr. E. Cock's Sealark V, Mr. H. S. Rouse's U and I being second. Fifteen boats started and nine completed the course in the allotted time.

The results were as follows:  
Yacht Finished Cord. Elapsed Pn.  
Amma 20.49.43 20.42.04 13.19.43 3  
(Mr. H. J. Pearce)  
La Cigale D.N.F.  
U. & I. 20.36.33 20.16.54 13.06.33 2  
(Mr. H. S. Rouse)  
Typhoon D.N.F.  
Tera 22.45.57 22.06.28 15.13.50 8  
(Major P. P. Foley)  
Wanderer D.N.F.  
Quest 00.22.34 21.21.50 16.52.34 4  
(Mr. W. Webb and Mr. D. Allen)  
Monsoon 22.09.30 21.27.47 15.39.30 5  
(Mr. H. W. Duley)  
Sea Lark V 20.55.02 20.08.06 13.25.02 1  
(Mr. E. Cock)  
Chernob D.N.F.  
Mistral D.N.F.  
Penguin D.N.F.  
Corse 00.22.42 22.55.10 16.52.42 9  
(Mr. G. H. Gaudy)  
Solong 22.42.04 22.04.52 16.12.04 7  
(Capt. W. W. Cowan)  
Norena 20.07.45 21.36.09 12.37.45 6  
(Mr. N. B. Ramsey)



Ben Ford, the South African holder of the British and Empire Heavyweight boxing championship, is here seen lying on the canvas after being knocked out by Jack Petersen, of Wales, seen standing over him, in their clash two years ago. They will meet once again next month in a non-titular bout at the Harringay Stadium.

### DISAPPOINTING MATCH



Mrs. E. M. Gray, the former ladies' hockey Interport captain and right-back, above, was a notable absentee from yesterday's trial at King's Park.

### ONE REASON WHY PERRY TURNED PRO!

Wimbledon "Row" And Result

JACK CRAWFORD'S REMARKS

(By "ECHO")

London, December 16. Money wasn't the only thing that made Fred Perry decide to turn professional. It was really a row in the Wimbledon dressing-room that pushed him over the brink. This is what happened.  
Perry is a mercurial sort of fellow. He reacts very quickly to sympathy and, like lightning, the praise. And so when an important Davis Cup official came up to him in the dressing-room at Wimbledon, and made a remark to which he took exception, there were heated words. Jack Crawford, the Australian, was standing by.

When the breeze had passed, Perry said to Crawford: "What would you have done if one of your officials had talked to you like that?" Crawford replied: "It wouldn't happen—but if it did, I should have knocked his block off and caught the first boat back to Australia."

So, after the Davis Cup match in July, Perry made it clear that he would consider very seriously any offer of money that came to him. "If I see that there is real money in it," he said, "I will sign on the dotted line after the national championships at Forest Hills. I am anxious to win them again." That is exactly what he did.

KHO SIN-KIE BEATEN  
Paris, To-day.—In the Christmas lawn tennis tournament here, Papillon of France, beat the Chinese Davis Cup player Kho Sin-kie by 8-6, 4-6, 7-5.—Reuter.

### THE KING AND IRISH RACING

London, November 26.—It was announced at Belfast to-day that the King has entered his horse Peltone for the Ulster Derby and for the Maze meeting next July.

### LADIES' HOCKEY TRIAL REVEALS NO NEW TALENT

Mrs. Donald Certainty As Centre-Forward

POOR ARRANGEMENTS

(By "ADREM")

The second trial hockey game arranged by the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association was held on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, yesterday morning. Colours defeating Whites by seven goals to nil. The play was scrappy in the extreme and beyond revealing that we have a brilliant centre-forward in Mrs. Donald, a useful forward line in the making, and a decidedly unreliable defence, was most disappointing.

One could not, but notice the casual manner in which the game was arranged. At the scheduled time for bullying-off, about six players were on the field. At about 10.45 a.m. it was discovered that no umpires were present and after a certain amount of persuasion, the services of two Naval men were enlisted, despite the fact that one of them admitted that he knew little or nothing of his duties.

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### MACAU ARTILLERY SOCCER VISIT

To Meet Sappers At Sookunpoo

ENCOUNTER SMALL UNITS TO-MORROW

A Macau Artillery football team arrived in the Colony this morning at the invitation of the Royal Engineers and Small Units and will engage these units in football games commencing with an encounter against the Sappers at 4 p.m. to-day at Sookunpoo.

To-morrow the Portuguese Gunners will meet a strong combination from the Small Units at Sookunpoo, commencing at 2.15 p.m. A military match of great importance will be held next Wednesday afternoon, on a ground to be nominated later, when the Military League Area Final will take place between H.Q. Wing, of the East Lancs. (Mainland champions) and 22nd Fortress Coy. Royal Engineers. (Island champions) will be Worthington and Rivers.

The following are the teams for to-day and to-morrow's matches:—

TO-DAY  
R.E.'s v. Macao Artillery.  
Sookunpoo Ground—4 p.m. Referee Mr. D. Kessick.  
R.E.'s: GIBB, "Boying," Colman, Wilford, "Pence," "Dewell," "Callan," Woods, Derry, Howlett, "Crash," "Reserves"—Brown, Hunt.  
TO-MORROW  
Sookunpoo 2.15 p.m. Referee W. Reynolds. Line-up: R. Forman, Small Units—1st Smith, R.A.S.C.

### KUMAON RIFLEMEN DROPPED!

PARTAB & NERAIN SINGH MUST BE INCLUDED

THE PROBABLE COLONY PLAYERS

(By "STICKS")

A VERY disappointing men's hockey trial, in preparation for the forthcoming visit of the Waseda University hockey team, was held at King's Park yesterday morning when the victorious Civilian team opposed a Combined Services eleven during the first half, and a probable Colony side was picked to play against the Rest during the second half, the latter period producing the only goal of the match, scored by S. A. Fowler.

There were several notable absentees. Captain Stapleton, of the Kumaon Rifles, and Partab and Nerain Singh, also of the Kumaon Rifles, being very conspicuous by their absence. I understand that the two Indian players were not selected for the Combined team because of their alleged selfishness, but this is probably the most absurd statement I have heard in years for there is no denying the fact that these two players are in a class of their own, and better than anything the other Army units, or Navy for that matter can produce.

It was quite obvious from yesterday's trial that the Colony are badly in need of a strong left-wing combination and I can think of no better pair than Nerain Singh and Partab, as the only successors to that brilliant Interport wing of Kartar Singh and Lal Singh, who were responsible for the routing of Macau two seasons ago in Macau.

Lieut. Donald, of the Navy, who will be remembered as having partnered Lieut. Eden when the phrase "Eden and Donald" was almost a byword in local hockey three seasons ago, made a reappearance on the right-wing, but did not come up to expectations. In the opening half G. H. and S. A. Fowler were seen as the right-wing partnership for Whites, and they combined very effectively. When they were separated in the second half "G.H." was seen at inside-right for Colours and thereupon faded right out of the picture, while "S.A." at inside-right for the Probables, combined well with Wright, his leader, and scored the only goal of the match. He did not, however, play well with Donald.

The Right Wing  
If therefore seems only feasible that the natural thing would be to leave the Fowler brothers together on the right-wing. G. H. Fowler shone in the first half of the game, and was featured in some very good openings, which were, however, nullified by the inability of Pinto to keep on-side.

Wright and Pyra Singh both shone yesterday, the latter in the first half and the former in the second half. Wright was bustling in his methods, and should have scored, being a trifle slow in the circle, while Pyra Singh lay too far back in the opening half, although he was featured in some splendid passing bouts with Fowler and Pinto. Bond and Corner, the two left-wingers, were both off form and never approached up to Interport standard.

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### COLONY LADIES' TENNIS FINAL TO-DAY

The final of the Colony Ladies' Open Singles tennis championship will be contested at the United Services Recreation Club this afternoon, commencing at 5 p.m. when Mrs. Nora Wilson will defend her title against Mrs. W. E. Dowling, who plays her last tournament match in the Colony before proceeding home on January 12 by the Transport Line.

S/Sgt. Hopkinson, R.A.O.C., Howells, R.A.M.C., Sgt. O'Connor, R.A.P.C., Piar, Worsfold, R.A.O.C., Sgt. Roberts, R.C., of R. L. Inst., R.A.S.C., L/C. Beasley, R.A.S.C., Cpl. Harrison, R.A.M.C., L/C. Duffield, R.A.O.C., Whetton, R.A.M.C. Reserve—Pte. Waterson, R.A.O.C., Cpl. Hayter, R.A.S.C., Pte. Yowd, R.A.M.C.



Lt. Davies (Navy), above, will not be available for the Colony hockey team to meet Waseda University XI next month.

### "VERDICTS"

SUNDAY HERALD CUP VICTORY FOR ENGLAND

Triumph For Sandford And Wolverson

CHAN TAI-FAI LET CHINA DOWN BADLY

(By "REFEREE")

England fully deserved their splendid First Round victory in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition, this match, incidentally, being the last in the Colony for Wolverson, the England left-back, whose really magnificent display laid the foundation for the English victory, while praise must also go to Wride, inside-left, and Smith, centre-forward, who were in splendid fettle and who applied the finishing touches to Wolverson's "back-row" methods.

The China team started very promisingly and on their play in the first 10 minutes of the game looked good for half-a-dozen goals, but lack of enterprise by Leung Wing-chiu, at right-half, and by Lo Wai-ken, on the opposite flank, resulted in several glorious chances going begging.

China were given opportunities galore of scoring, but Chan Tai-fai preferred to play a lone hand rather than share his efforts with his colleagues, otherwise, and I am sure of this, China would have walked off the field victors instead of the vanquished. On no less than three occasions in the second half Chan had the England goal practically at his mercy, but faulty passing in the penalty area and poor shooting spoiled his efforts.

Bliss Falls Badly

The one big disappointment in the match was A. S. Bliss, the England captain. It was quite evident after last Saturday that Bliss is only suited to the centre-half position. His distribution as wing-half was poor and he was helpless against the fast and tricky Tang Kwong-sun, China's right-winger, who also threw away a glorious opportunity in the second half when, with only Cocker to beat, he hallooed the ball over the cross-bar from the edge of the penalty area instead of going in nearer. Had this goal resulted—the score was then 2 goals to 1 in favour of England—it might have changed the whole complexion of the game.

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### "GOLDEN RULE" FOR GOLFERS

A Home Captain's Club Speech

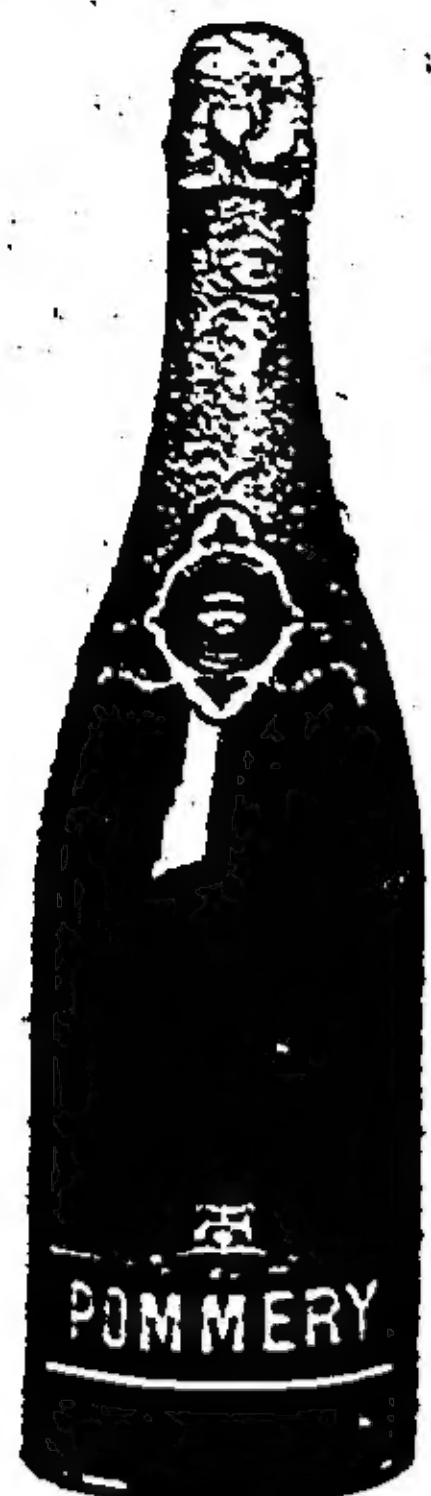
London, December 16. At a social function connected with a certain golf club at Home recently, the captain gave expression to the following sentiment:—

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## FLAG OFFICERS' APPEAL TO ALL YACHTSMEN

KUMAON RIFLEMEN  
DROPPED!

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The half-back line is going to present the biggest problem, although the centre-half berth is almost certain to go to Willie Reed. McCoy was very effective at right-half, but was not in the same class as Hassan, who should make the team, while Gonsalves, providing Capt. Stapleton is not available, should fill the left-half berth.

Cox, of the East Lancs, who will unfortunately not be in the Colony for the Colony's match against Waseda, was one of the outstanding players on view, but in view of his inability to play, the logical partner for Guest, who is almost certain to get his place, is E. L. Gosano.

Howlett was the safer of the two goalkeepers yesterday and looks very much as if he will secure Interceptor honours, although Souza experienced one of his rare off-days.

The following is how the two teams lined up for the second half:-

Probable (Whites):-Spr. Howlett (Army); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and Lt. Cdr. Collier (Navy); Lt. Cdr. McCoy (Navy), W. A. Reed (Club) and J. Gonsalves (Becreio); Lt. Donald (Navy), S. A. Fowler (Club), Lt. Wright (Navy), J. M. Pinto (K.L.T.C.) and V. Bond (Club).

The Rest (Colours):-J. B. Souza (Argonauts); Blom. Cox (Army) and E. L. Gosano (Argonauts); M. H. Hassan (Radio), Spr. Brown and Bachan Singh (Army); Lt. Padfield (Navy), G. H. Fowler (Y.M.C.A.), Pyara Singh (K.L.T.C.), Sub. Lt. Wraith (Navy), Spr. Corner (Army).



## "VERDICTS"

(Continued from Page 2)

**Sandford's Big Day**  
Sandford, the England inside-right, experienced one of his brightest days on Saturday and together with Fowler the right-winger, proved the most dangerous of the two wing combinations. Sandford worked hard for the openings and quickly adapted himself to Fowler's method of play, wasting no time in occupying the wing-berth when Fowler chose an inside path with the ball. England's victory was in no small measure due to the Sandford-Fowler partnership and it was these two who made the openings in the second half which resulted in China's downfall.

**A Revelation**  
Smith, the Navy and England leader, was a revelation. He was very cool and collected throughout. Bickford, the England left-winger, was slightly disappointing and displayed a timidity which was entirely new to him. He was well-marked by Leung Wing-chiu, but did break away on one or two occasions when he proved very dangerous.

**Full-Length Save**  
Swain, the England right-back, gave Wolserson every support.

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GREAT PART IN REVIVAL  
OF SPORT

## WHEN BRITANNIA WAS FITTED OUT

(By Major B. Heckstall-Smith)

London, November 26.

SIR Richard Williams-Bulkeley and the Marquis Camden, flag officers of the Royal Yacht Squadron, have issued an appeal to all yachtsmen on behalf of the National Memorial to King George.

In their letter to the commodores of all yacht and sailing clubs, the flag officers call attention to the great impetus given to the sport by King George when he fitted out Britannia at the end of the war. In 1919, when the first Cowes Week after the war was held, the largest yacht in the regatta was the cutter *Thames*, of 42 tons.

In 1920 the King commissioned Britannia and the result was electrical. His Majesty's example was followed by many lovers of sailing as quickly as possible. The industry of yacht-building, then at a standstill, instantly revived, and in a few years attained prosperity unequalled in the whole history of yachting.

The success and fresh development of the sport of yachting spread through all classes of pleasure craft from the largest to the smallest, including cruisers, racers, power-boats, sailing boats, and dinghies.

While no doubt many have already contributed, Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley feels that many yachting people would like to think they have given something to commemorate this special occasion, and even those who belong to the smaller sailing clubs.

## A Real Mix-Up

Laister, the England right-back, brought in at the last moment to fill a vacancy at right-half caused by the non-appearance of North (who played for Wales on Saturday, though selected for England) and gave a grand performance, although he looked as if he would not last the 45 minutes each way. Laister spoiled magnificently, his only weakness being his distribution, which was lacking in power.

## Forrow's Failure

Forrow, replacing Ernle Strange, who is on the crooked-list, was another disappointing figure in the intermediate line and had it not been for the timely interceptions of Swain and Wolserson, England would have fared badly.

## No Anticipation

Chui Hang, in the Chinese goal, displayed a safe pair of hands, but lack of anticipation on his part proved his undoing, otherwise he would most certainly have prevented England's second and third goals, both of which were headed for Smith off Fowler.

## Bad Marking

Lee Tin-sang and Mak Shui-hon commenced well and Lee even went to the extent of attempting to take the ball up to his opponent's goal, but he was often caught out of position and apparently felt the absence of Tam Kong-pak's covering play. Chan Yue-tin was the pick of the Chinese attack, with Tang Kwong-sum and Cheong Moon-wing rendering valuable work on the wings. Chan Yue-tin's opening goal for China was a "beauty," but had Forrow marked his man this would never have resulted. On the whole, however, England deserved their victory.

FUSILIERS  
BEAT S. CHINA "B"  
AT SOOKUNPOO

But Chinese Unlucky  
To Lose

## WONG WAH GAY OUTSTANDING

The Fusiliers went to the top of the First Division League table yesterday as the result of their win over South China "B" by a solitary goal netted in the second half by Hughes after a very listless first half. The soldiers were rather fortunate in getting away with a win, as the Chinese were the more dangerous in their approach methods, but lacked the finishing touches.

The Chinese custodian, Wong Wah-gay, was outstanding and brought off some marvellous saves, but Henry Yeung, who usually plays at left-half, was poor as the centre-forward and did not know what to do with the ball when in possession. Chan Tak-fai lay wred on his performance in the Sunday Herald Cup game against England, but like Cheuk Sack-ham, luck was dead against him.

Keating was a tower of strength in the Fusiliers' full-back division, while Davies, at right-half, was the pick of the intermediate line. Tanke was better than usual in the attack, but half-wasted time before distributing the ball, while Sullivan combined effectively with him.

Yesterday's Results At  
A Glance

FIRST DIVISION	
FUSILIERS	1 S. CHINA "B"
SECOND DIVISION	
ATHLETICS	0 ENGINEERS
LYEMEN	0 NAVY
THIRD DIVISION	
E. POLICE	1 LIGA
ST. JOSEPH'S	2 K. RIFLES
ENGINEERS	3 C. POLICE

## YESTERDAY'S GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION	
Hughes (Fusiliers)	1
SECOND DIVISION	
Bunster (Fusiliers)	2
Davies (Fusiliers)	1
Howlett (Engineers)	2
Craigh (Engineers)	1
Lee Pui-ling (South China)	1
Stone (Navy)	1
Spencer (Navy)	1
Wolf (Navy)	1
THIRD DIVISION	
Parish (Kowloon Rifles)	1
Delgado (St. Joseph's)	1
Tavara (St. Joseph's)	1
Taylor (Engineers)	2
Loong Kong-lam (Chinese Police)	2
M. Santos (Liga)	1
Craw (Liga)	1
Ribeiro (Liga)	1
Souza (Liga)	1
Jessop (European Police)	1

## LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION	
	Goals
Fusiliers	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
S. China "B"	11 3 1 27 14 17
Engineers	11 7 2 24 12 16
K. Rifles	11 2 2 30 11 15
S. China "A"	10 5 2 37 8 13
E. Lancs	10 5 4 17 17 11
Howlett	12 5 6 15 23 11
St. Joseph's	9 4 3 2 16 12 10
Navy	8 4 3 1 19 13 9
Eastern	9 4 4 1 15 27 9
K. Chinese	11 2 4 5 16 23 9
Club	10 4 6 0 23 18 8
Athletic	11 2 6 3 12 24 7
Beccio	9 1 4 4 10 23 6
Police	11 0 9 2 8 34 2

## 144-55 58 25 249 249 144

SECOND DIVISION	
	Goals
Fusiliers	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
Navy	13 10 0 3 50 11 23
S. China	11 10 0 1 56 18 21
East Lancs	13 10 3 1 36 18 19
Engineers	11 6 2 3 33 21 15
Engineers	11 7 3 1 29 17 15
Engineers	10 7 3 0 28 12 14
C. Police	11 5 1 2 25 21 11
Athletic	11 5 5 1 18 24 11
R.A. (Lima)	10 2 5 3 19 23 7
R.A. (Lima)	12 2 8 2 19 36 6
Club	11 2 8 1 14 37 5
K. Chinese	11 1 3 2 16 43 4
Kowloon	12 2 10 0 14 37 4
Eastern	11 1 9 1 15 52 3

## 158 &amp; 9-28 372 372 158

THIRD DIVISION	
	Goals
Fusiliers	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
E. Lancs	10 10 5 0 30 4 20
Liga	11 3 3 1 32 19 17
R.A.O.C.	11 7 4 0 35 25 14
R.A.M.C.	10 6 3 1 25 16 12
Kowloon	11 5 5 1 23 24 12
St. Joseph's	11 7 3 2 18 27 12
Beccio	9 2 5 1 22 22 7
R.A.O.C.	10 2 5 2 19 28 6
St. Joseph's	10 2 5 1 14 25 7
E. Police	11 3 9 0 15 41 4
Engineers	10 2 7 0 22 27 6
C. Police	9 1 7 1 16 21 3
K. Chinese	5 0 5 0 4 35 0

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## H.K. Rifle Association

The annual "Wapenschaw" shoot, was held by the Hong Kong Rifle Association on Boxing Day at Stonecutters, and an exceedingly enjoyable morning was spent, although the wind appeared to be more tricky than usual and caused many "crashes" at the longer distance.

At the conclusion, members were transported to the Association's Clubhouse on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City, where the annual Boxing Day dinner was held, the party not dispersing until late in the afternoon.

The following members of the Association are requested to attend a practice shoot this afternoon at Kowloon City in preparation for the Inter-Colonial Match which will be fired during the week—C. P. O. Fellow, Sgt. Warwick, Sgt. Blandford, Lieut. Patullo, Sgt. M. C. Jones, Lieut.

Ratcliffe, S. I. M. Hill, Cpl. Watson, Sgt. Rattenbury, Artn. Cpl. Butterfield, and Lieut. Y. S. Wan.

The names of the persons chosen to represent the Colony in this match will not be made known until the conclusion of the shoot on Wednesday.

It has been decided that as from January 6, register-keepers will be employed at all mid-week shoots to keep the scores of competitors. By this means a number of trained scorers will be available for use at the annual prize meeting, and the competitors themselves will have become accustomed to the procedure, which will then be in force for all competitions and team events. Other regulations which will come into force as from the above date have for their object the general speeding-up of shooting, so that this is completed before the light begins to fail.

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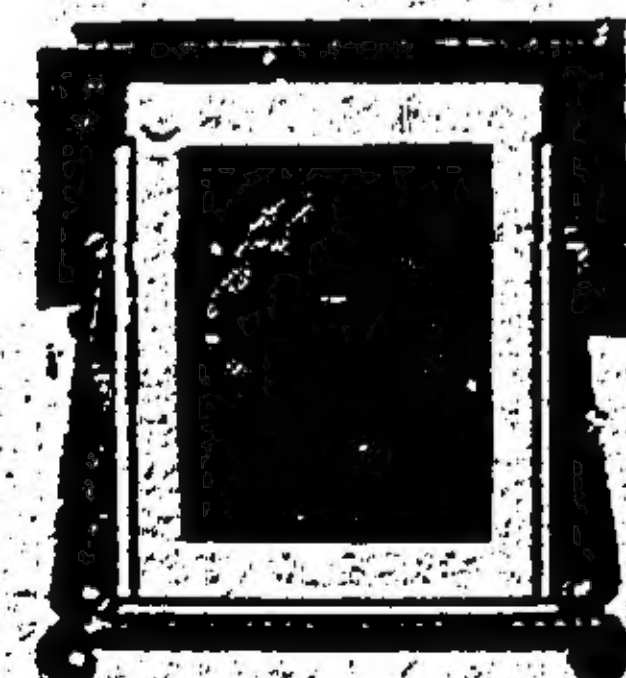
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### DEATH

**KOTEWALL**—At her residence,  
No. 57 Kotewall Road, at 8.15  
a.m. to-day, Mrs. R. H. Kote-  
wall, wife of the Hon. Dr. R.  
H. Kotewall, C.M.G., L.L.D.,  
Funeral at Pokfulam, Wing  
Bit Ting, at 4 p.m. to-morrow.  
(Shanghai papers please  
copy).

Hong Kong, Monday, Dec. 28, 1936.

### Poison Precautions

Though much has been done in  
recent years to control the sale  
of poisons, grim cases continually  
remind us that our precau-  
tions are not adequate. The  
new and stricter regulations  
which the Home Office recently  
published should lead to a con-  
siderable reduction in the num-  
ber of fatalities. Restrictions  
upon the sale of the common  
poisons, such as those used in  
weed-killers and insecticides,  
seem to have been made as  
effective as possible. If the or-  
der that arsenic must be dyed  
a distinctive colour had been  
enforced in the past the courts  
would have been spared some  
very difficult investigations.  
The special labelling of danger-  
ous drugs should also have its  
value.

Modern science has much in-  
creased the possibilities of poi-  
soning by the dissemination of  
many drugs which have legiti-  
mate medicinal purposes, are  
actually necessary to the health  
of considerable numbers of  
people, and yet can be danger-  
ous. We must hope that the  
proposed warnings of the need  
for medical supervision in the  
use of such substances and of  
the peril of exceeding the  
stated dose will be efficacious.  
But indulgence in what has  
been giving the desired relief is  
not always to be controlled. A  
most difficult problem, that of  
access to the narcotics called  
barbiturates, is not solved by  
the regulations. Inquests have  
made us all familiar with the  
fact that fatalities in the use  
of these drugs are generally due to  
"repeat" prescriptions. Repeti-  
tion has been excessive. Yet a  
doctor's discretion to decide  
whether a patient needs, and  
should be entrusted with the  
power to obtain, further sup-  
plies cannot well be abolished.

### Modern Youth

Our young people have found  
some sturdy defenders. Sir  
Josiah Stamp declares that to  
his mind modern boys and girls  
are "magnificent and great  
fun." Lord Milne, recording the  
testimony of a young man of 28  
that his contemporaries suffer-  
ed from despair, maintained  
that though youth might seem  
silly, fundamentally there was  
nothing wrong at all. They  
were, of course, speaking of  
different generations. Five  
years' difference in youth al-  
ways was a great gulf, and  
never greater than now. We  
have all noticed how world-  
weary are the old young people,  
how keen the more youthful  
young.

The first class have succeeded  
in persuading some people that  
they are sad, bad, decadent  
creatures, such as some of their  
favourite authors delight to  
honour. But each period has  
fashions of this sort. Does any-  
one now believe that the  
"naughty nineties" were really  
of a lurid hue? Sir Josiah  
Stamp hit off our younger  
youth exactly when he describ-  
ed them as passionately scienti-  
fic and mechanical. Their diver-  
sions are gadgets and, what is  
more bewildering still, the laws  
whereby the gadgets work.  
Some of us may not find their

### OBITUARY

Mrs. R. H. Kotewall  
Passes

GREAT SOCIAL WORKER

A gloom was cast over the com-  
munity in general, and the Chin-  
ese community in particular, this  
morning when it was learned that  
Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, wife of the  
Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G.,  
L.L.D., passed away peacefully and  
suddenly at her residence, No.  
57 Kotewall Road, at 8.15 a.m.

A very charming lady, and well-  
liked by all who had the good for-  
tune to make her acquaintance,  
Mrs. Kotewall took a very active  
part in all work for the social  
welfare of the community.

Mrs. Kotewall is survived by  
her husband and nine children,  
eight daughters, two of whom are  
married, one to Mr. Li Shiu-kai  
and the other to Mr. Walter Hung,  
and a son, to whom the deepest  
sympathy will be extended in their  
deep bereavement.

Her son-in-law Mr. Li Shiu-kai,  
is the manager of Messrs. R. H.  
Kotewall and Company, while Mr.  
Walter Hung, the other son-in-  
law, is with the Sang Wo Shipping  
Company.

Mrs. Kotewall took a very keen  
interest in the charitable and  
public institutions in the Colony,  
particularly the Po Leung Kuk,  
which she, together with Lady  
Southern, helped to bring to its  
present state of high efficiency.

She also took a very prominent  
part in the Society for the Pre-  
vention of Cruelty to Animals and  
also the Society for the Protection  
of Children.

The funeral takes place to-mor-  
row, leaving the house at 3 p.m.  
and arriving at Pokfulam at 4  
p.m.

There will be a ceremony at the  
Wing Bit Ting, Pokfulam, prior  
to the burial, when friends will  
pay their last respects.

### LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Cathedral Sunday, the day of  
St. John the Evangelist, was mark-  
ed at St. John's Cathedral yester-  
day by the Right Reverend Noel  
Hudson, Bishop of Labuan and  
Sarawak, taking the morning ser-  
vice. Bishop Hudson, who is at  
present on a vacation in the Co-  
lony, preached a sermon on the  
world transcending body of  
Christ's Church, and called upon  
his listeners to "keep their saints'  
days."

The C.N.A.C. plane Kwangtung  
left here for Shanghai on Christ-  
mas Day. She carried only one  
passenger, Mr. Lung Cheng-wu,  
bound for Shanghai. The C.N.A.C.  
plane Fukien, which arrived here  
from Shanghai on December 26,  
brought no passengers but took  
two from here to Canton. They  
were Master M. Stevenson and  
Master A. Fancey, two British  
youths.

An exhibition of paintings and  
Chinese characters, executed by  
Mr. Lau Kwun-yun, was held in  
the Hotel Cecil yesterday and at-  
tracted a large gathering. Mr.  
Lau, who is Chairman of the  
Overseas Chinese Fine Arts Asso-  
ciation, shows himself in this ex-  
hibition as very capable not only  
in the expression of art afforded  
by the Chinese style of painting  
but also through the methods em-  
ployed in Western art.

On Saturday morning as the  
m.v. Sun Chau left the Cheung  
Chau island wharf for Hong  
Kong at 7.45 it collided with a  
sampan as it was going astern  
after leaving the pier. The sam-  
pan was cut into two, and the  
sole passenger and boatwoman  
were thrown into the sea. Both  
were rescued.

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada  
left Yokohama on Saturday morn-  
ing and is due here next Friday  
morning. She will leave for  
Manila the same afternoon.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia  
left Nagasaki yesterday afternoon  
for Kobe and Yokohama and will  
leave the latter port on Thursday  
afternoon for Victoria and Van-  
couver, B. C.

highly mechanised conversation  
such great fun as it is to Sir  
Josiah Stamp, but there is no  
doubt about the magnificence  
of their energy and enterprise.  
Take them by the most prac-  
tical test: they are very handy  
people to have about in an  
emergency.

## Here There and Everywhere

### FIGHTING TENNIS ACES

The fate of Spaniards promi-  
nent in British lawn tennis is caus-  
ing some natural anxiety in Eng-  
land. It is learned that Senor  
Maier, the Spanish champion, who  
gave Baron von Cramm one of his  
hardest matches at Wimbledon  
last year, is now serving with the  
Nationalist forces at one of the  
fronts.

Maier's Davis Cup partner, Sen-  
or Blanc, is also fighting with Gen.  
Franco's forces. His brother has  
been shot by Communists.

Senor Maier has lost his mother,  
who was the former woman cham-  
pion of Spain. After escaping  
from her home in Barcelona to  
Germany she has died of shock.

### DUCE'S VISIT TO LONDON

If Signor Mussolini keeps his  
promise to go to Hungary next  
year it will be only his second  
visit abroad since he came to  
power.

His first visit has almost been  
forgotten. It was to London on  
December 3, 1922, exactly seven  
weeks after the March on Rome.

The new Italian Premier came  
on from the Lansanne Conference  
to confer with the other Allied  
statesmen on war debts and re-  
parations. He made a deep and  
favourable impression, from the  
moment when a guard of honour  
of 30 London Fascisti "greeted  
their famous leader," to quote a  
contemporary account, at Victoria  
to the moment of his departure.

During his stay he laid a wreath  
on the Centosaph and was received  
by King George at Buckingham  
Palace.

### Your Daily Smile!

Wrong Side  
Child (to maiden lady)—"Mother  
says you are my aunt."

Lady—"Yes, dear. I am your aunt  
on your father's side."

Child—"Well, you're on the wrong  
side then, and you'll soon find that  
out if you live with us."

Two of a Kind  
"Look here, young man," said the  
playwright's father, "this report  
doesn't say very nice things about  
your work at school."

"Coming up in the train, dad, I was  
reading about the play you had pro-  
duced last night, and—"

"Better have your dinner, young  
fellow."

## TAXES IN U.S. REACH DANGER POINT STATEMENT BASED ON FIGURES

### HIDDEN TAXES WHICH RAISE THE COST OF LIVING

(By Lewis Haney)

NEW YORK. A majority of the people for-  
get. This is how they do it.

First, they start borrowing and  
running up our public debt. They  
think that we will not see that  
some day the debt must be paid,  
and be paid by taxes. (Some of  
us do not know that our regular  
debt "service," covering interest  
and retirement, is about 30 per  
cent of all tax collections.)

Then they "soak the rich" by  
taxes running up to 60 per cent  
of large incomes. But soon they  
reach the point where they kill  
business and increase unemploy-  
ment. Even before that, they find  
that as they pile taxes on business,  
the business man is forced either  
to raise prices or to reduce his  
labour bill. In either case, the  
labourer suffers.

But all the time that the poli-  
ticians are trying to cover up their  
waste by borrowing and by  
taxes that soak the rich, they are  
laying on other taxes which soak  
the poor without their knowing  
it. These are the "indirect taxes."

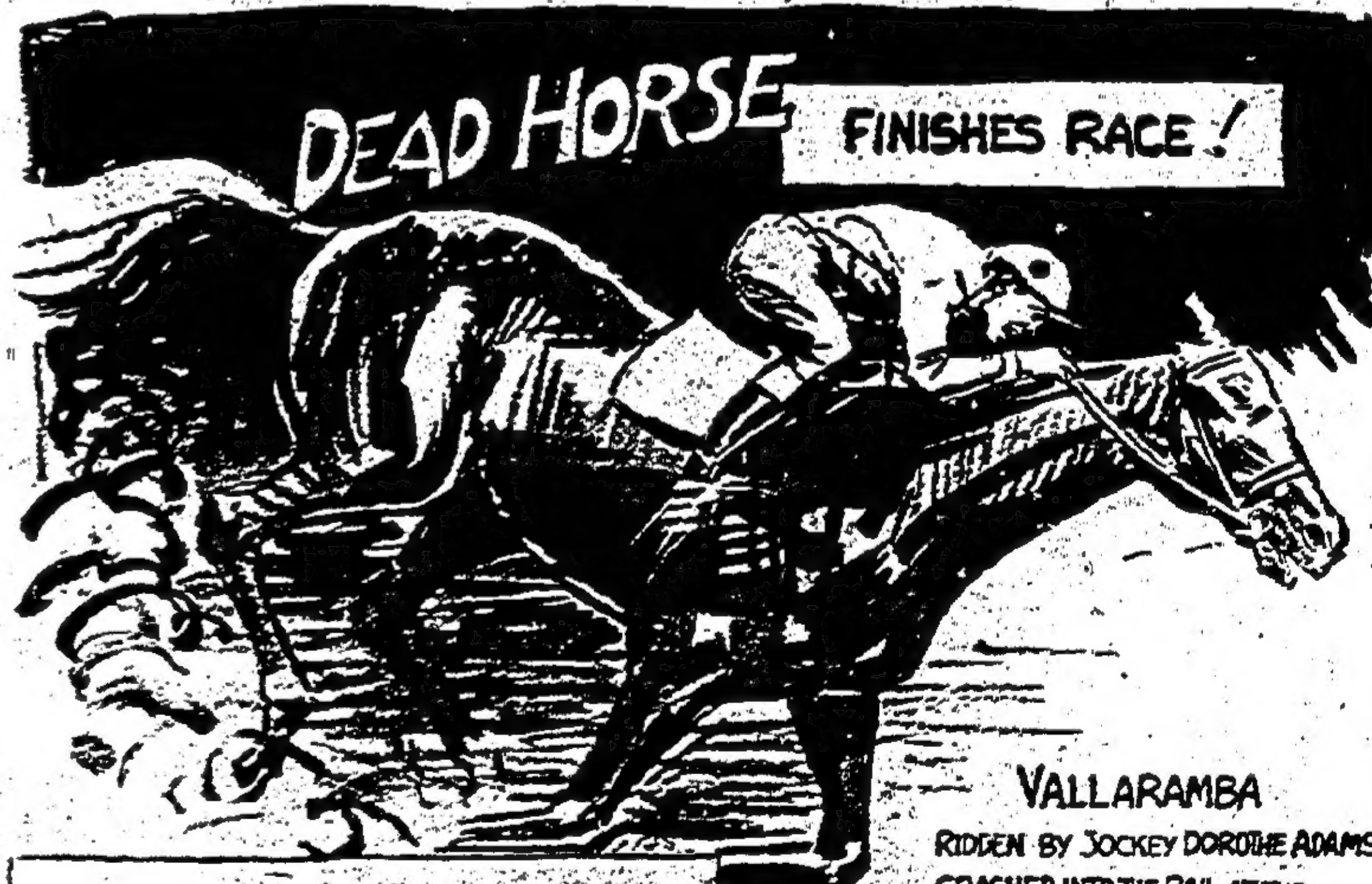
"Soak the Poor" Items  
Most indirect taxes are con-  
sumption taxes, and fall heaviest  
on the consumer who is poor. The  
labourer pays such taxes in the  
price of many things he buys—  
from chewing gum and soap to  
tires and radio. About a quarter  
of your food bill goes to pay taxes.  
At least 16 per cent of your rent  
goes the same way.

Over half the taxes collected in  
the country are hidden taxes  
which raise the cost of living, and  
burden the poor far more than  
the rich. And now they soak the  
poor again with this "social se-  
curity" tax on payrolls.

There is only one way to stop  
all this—that is to stop the waste  
at Washington. If you let the  
spenders keep on, they will get  
to all of us, directly or indirectly.  
Remember, they have nothing to  
spend but our money and our  
credit. They are therefore bound  
to take it away from us as fast  
as they can get it out.

Labourer Is Sufferer  
The great trouble is that the  
politicians have various ways of  
concealing the tax burden from  
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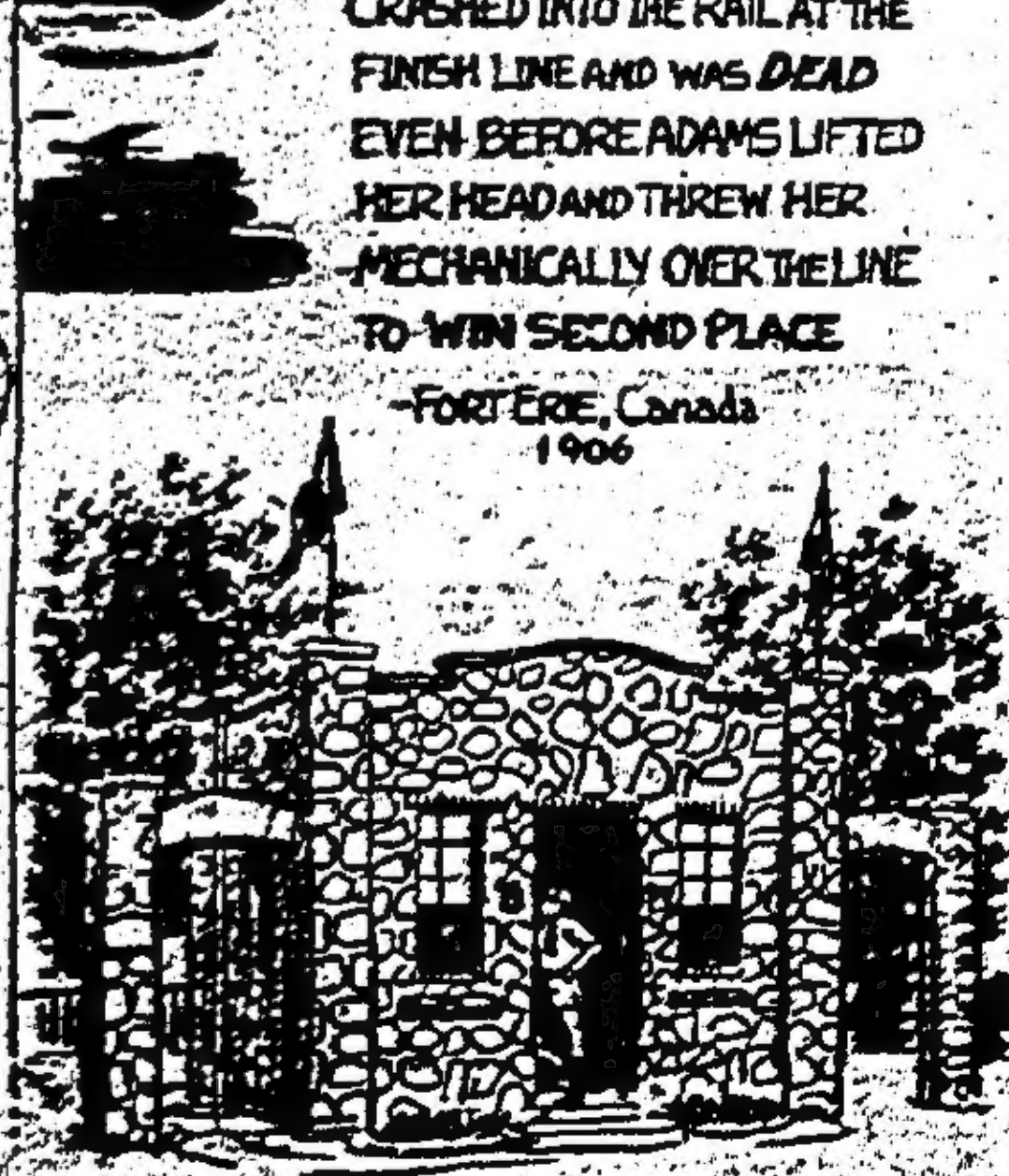
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## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting Held

### MOSQUITOES IN KOWLOON CITY AREA

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association took place on the evening of Monday, December 21, in the Vicarage, St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Those present were Mr. B. Wylie (President), Mr. F. Mow Fung (Vice-President), Mr. R. Baldwin (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. A. Cheung, W. C. Felslow, Lam Ming Fan, and Li Chor Chi. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. E. W. Gardiner and the Rev. J. R. Higgs.

In response to a request from the Government to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee in connection with the arrangements for the Coronation of H.M. The King, it was agreed that Mr. F. Mow Fung should serve in that capacity.

A letter from the Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, enclosing suggestions by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. regarding the alteration of certain routes was read. The Bus-Service Sub-Committee reported having considered the proposed alterations thoroughly, and recommended that the Association recommend their adoption. It was agreed that the Police should be notified to this effect.

A letter was read from the Hong Kong Travel Association suggesting that the K.R.A. proposed Guide Book should be issued under the auspices of that Association and that the K.R.A. should co-operate with the Travel Association in the production of the book. It was agreed to refer this matter to the next meeting of the General Committee.

### Mosquito Problem

In view of further complaints regarding the presence of mosquitoes in the Kowloon City area, as mentioned in the Association's letter to the Government of August 13, it was decided to write the Government again on the matter, at the same time asking for a reply to the last paragraph of that letter, which referred to the desirability of an enquiry into the cause of a drowning fatality.

The Sanitation sub-committee reported that it was still considering the letter from the Government on the subject of Leprosy in Kowloon and that it would draft a letter in the near future for the consideration of the General Committee.

It was agreed to donate the sum of \$50 to St. Andrew's Church in appreciation of the use of the Church Hall for the Association's meetings.

## GATE CRASHERS AT BALL

Hundreds Who Should Not Have Attended

### ANNUAL SERVANTS' AFFAIR

Just a word in your ear, My Lady. Do you honestly think it is right that you should go to the Servants' Ball yourself, and so keep servants away from it?

Lady Malcolm, who organises it, thinks not.

Just consider what happened this year, writes a home correspondent. There are 4,500 tickets for this ball, and they cost only five shillings each. They were all sold out six days before the ball. Lady Malcolm knows for a fact that at least 500 servants were, to their great disappointment, unable to get tickets.

### Actors and Actresses

But several hundred of the 4,500 who danced at the Servants' Ball were not servants at all.

"My future son-in-law, Sir Basil Bartlett," Lady Malcolm said, "was helping me at the ball and tells me that he recognised a number of prominent actors and actresses. Distinguished actors and actresses came to judge the fancy costumes and give away the prizes, but actors and actresses should not compete with the servants."

"We keep returns of the tickets. This year we found that of the 4,500 sold only five were not presented at the Albert Hall. So it is clear that the ball is popular."



Former Governor of New York State, "Al" Smith, who was the unsuccessful Democratic Party presidential candidate in 1928, smiles approvingly as he chats with Governor Alfred M. Landon, left, of Kansas, the 1936 Republican Presidential Candidate. "Al" Smith, who had been attacking President Roosevelt, is now a Landon admirer.

## CONSTABLE JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE

He Goes Back To Gaol

Marcel Avelin, aged 23, an ex-convict who became village constable at Piedmont, Quebec, while he was on parole, has been sent back to prison for ten years.

During the day Avelin was an exemplary village constable. But at night he pursued a career of crime. He was convicted on three charges of attempted burglary and hold-up.

## CHARGE AGAINST OFFICE COOLIE

Bag-Snatching In Kennedy Road  
EYE TEST ORDERED

Mak Wo, a delivery coolie of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., was this morning charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy with the theft of a handbag from Mrs. Mann of "E" Block, Kennedy Road, on Thursday night.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and stoutly maintained that he had been arrested by mistake.

Mrs. Mann, in the witness box, said that on Christmas Eve she was near Flagstaff House when the defendant came and snatched her bag and ran away. She shouted and the defendant was arrested by Cpl. McLarin.

Evidence was given by Cpl. McLarin who stated that he heard the complainant's shouts, chased the defendant, caught him and handed him over to the Police. There was no one else on the road at the time and the defendant tried to get away but was re-arrested in Battery Path.

Mr. H. G. Williams of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., said that the defendant had been employed in the firm for the past 10 years and had always been found to be honest. Defendant's eyesight was bad and he had great difficulty in reading delivery orders.

The case was adjourned for 24 hours so that the defendant could be examined about his eyes.

## MARRIAGE AT REGISTRY

MOSSE — OPELT

The marriage took place at the Registry of the Supreme Court this morning, between Dr. Karl Mosse, physician, residing at the Repulse Bay Hotel, and Miss Susanne Opelet, Dr. of Philosophy, also of the Repulse Bay Hotel.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Deputy Registrar officiated, and the witnesses were Mr. John K. Ross and Mr. W. F. Webb.

## LOCAL ESTATE

Late Mr. R. M. Dyer Leaves \$448,900

Robert Morton Dyer, late of Beck Head Witherslade, in the County of Westmorland, England, who died on May 27, 1936, left local estate valued at \$448,900.

An application by Ralph Archibald Wadson, solicitor, for a certified copy of the confirmation (nominate) of the Executors of the said deceased, has been granted.

Li Yuk-tong, alias Li Noon, trading as the Yuk Yuen Co. late of No. 120, Kennedy Road, who died at the Yeung Woo Hospital, Happy Valley, on January 1, 1936, left local estate valued at \$167,600.

Petitions by Li Tsze-chung, Li Ping-chiu and Li Ping-piu, merchants, for probate of the will of the deceased, has been granted.

## OWNER REPORTS 2-TON LORRY STOLEN

Victim Of Practical Joker?

Early this morning the owner of motor-lorry No. 1235 made a report to the police at No. 7 Police Station that his two-ton vehicle, which was parked outside No. 61, Connaught Road West, had been stolen.

Apparently some mischievous person was playing a prank on the lorry-owner, for the vehicle was later found abandoned in Bonham Road at about 10 a.m.

## Royal Empire Society Visitor To Hong Kong

A very extensive tour on behalf of the Royal Empire Society is being undertaken by Colonel S. P. Williams, C. I. E., (Indian Army, retired), who is due to arrive in Hong Kong on January 8 for a fortnight's stay. The object of the tour is to make the work of the Society better known, and it is confidently anticipated that closer acquaintance with the advantages of Fellowship will result in a large increase of members.

The recent opening of the Society's new building in London by the then Duke and Duchess of York marks yet another milestone in the progress of this pioneer patriotic body, which was founded as far back as 1868 to combat the separatist tendencies of the period. The new headquarters embody in the many gifts of timbers for panelling and interior decoration the very real interest in the

## Sir Julien Cahn's Team For Malaya

Players From England, Australia, New Zealand, And South Africa

THE composition of Sir Julien Cahn's cricket team to visit Ceylon and Malaya next year is now announced. The great Notts sportsman has got together a really powerful side, including four Test Match players, and it has an Empire complexion, being drawn from England, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Interviewed this morning, Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, said that he had not yet heard from Sir Julien Cahn.

Mr. Mackenzie further stated that should Sir Julien contemplate a visit to Hong Kong, he (Sir Julien) would communicate with him.

The following fifteen players will comprise the touring party: Sir Julien Cahn (Captain), R. C. Butterworth (Middlesex), R. J. Crisp (S. Africa), C. S. Dempster (New Zealand and Leicestershire), J. B. Hall (Notts), R. H. Lyon (Gloucestershire), D. P. B. Morkel (South Africa), H. Mudge (N.S.W., Aust.), I. A. R. Peebles (Middlesex and England).

T. B. Reddick (Middlesex), S. D. Rhodes (Notts), G. F. Summers (Surrey), P. Vukhard (Notts), J. Walsh (N.S.W., Aust.). Arrangements for the tour have been made solely by the Singapore Cricket Club.

FAMOUS COLONIALS The South Africans, Morkel and Crisp, have represented their country against both England and Australia. Crisp was one of the most successful of South African fast bowlers, while Morkel is well known as a hard hitting batsman as well as for his bowling.

C. S. Dempster is one of the best batsmen that New Zealand has produced. Last season he had many centuries to his credit for Leicestershire, of which County he was captain. At one period he led the County batting averages and at the end of the season he finished very little behind some of the team that are at present in Australia with the Test Match side.

PEEBLES AND LYON The England player, Peebles, first played County cricket in 1928 and in 1929 he was a regular member of the Middlesex side.

In 1930 he took 133 wickets at a cost of under 18½ runs apiece with his slow spinners. He has represented England against South Africa and against New Zealand. B. H. Lyon is regarded by some critics as the best tactician the game has known for many a year and had business not stood in his way it is more than likely that he would have led an England XI.

He has many centuries to his credit in County cricket but perhaps he is best remembered for his freak declaration in 1931, since which time he has not played regularly.

POINT-WINNING INSPIRATION The occasion was a match against Leicestershire, Lyon being captain of Gloucestershire at the time. The

first two days of the match were wet and as only one day remained for play, the match looked like ending in a tame draw.

Lyon had other ideas and a proposal that emanated from him was that both sides should declare their first innings closed when four byes were scored against them. This was agreed to and the match was completed and Gloucestershire got full points.

Mudge, the New South Wales slow bowler has accepted an invitation to join the side in the place of Frank Ward, who cancelled his contract with Sir Julien a few weeks ago. Mudge is the opening bat for his side in Australia and jumped to fame a few weeks ago, as a slow bowler, when he took six M.C.C. wickets for 40 odd runs.

Walsh, the other Australian in the side is a left-hand slow bowler with the left-hander's usual break.

The team will play several matches in Ceylon before arriving in Malaya on March 26.

THE MALAYAN PROGRAMME The itinerary of the team in Malaya will be as follows:

March 27, 28 and 29 vs. Malaya at Singapore.

April 2 and 3 vs. Selangor at Kuala Lumpur.

April 4 and 5 vs. Perak at Ipoh.

April 8 and 9 vs. Penang at Penang.

## "POLICEMAN OF THE ETHER"

Work Of Colney Heath Station

### WIRELESS TRAFFIC CONTROL

I saw yesterday how Britain's vast wireless traffic is controlled at the little-known G. P. O. frequency-measuring station at Colney Heath, near St. Albans, writes a Home correspondent Major G. C. Tryon, the Postmaster-General, has described the station as "the policeman of the ether."

The station is at present in temporary quarters, all the apparatus being housed in a small wooden hut topped by a tall mast. A more commodious building is now being erected at Baldock, 15 miles away.

One man, seated at what looks like a large switchboard, and wearing headphones, does the duty of "policeman." His job is to see that the wireless "roads" are each kept clear for their particular forms of traffic, and that one station does not interfere with the transmissions of another.

Good "Road Manners"

Under the international regulations the General Post Office is responsible for keeping all British stations in their right frequencies, or wave-lengths. During my visit to the station the operator and other members of the staff of the station were constantly receiving complaints of "jamming" owing to one station or another having moved off its correct wave-length. Most of the complaints, I was told, concern commercial stations. Broadcasting stations usually display excellent "road manners."

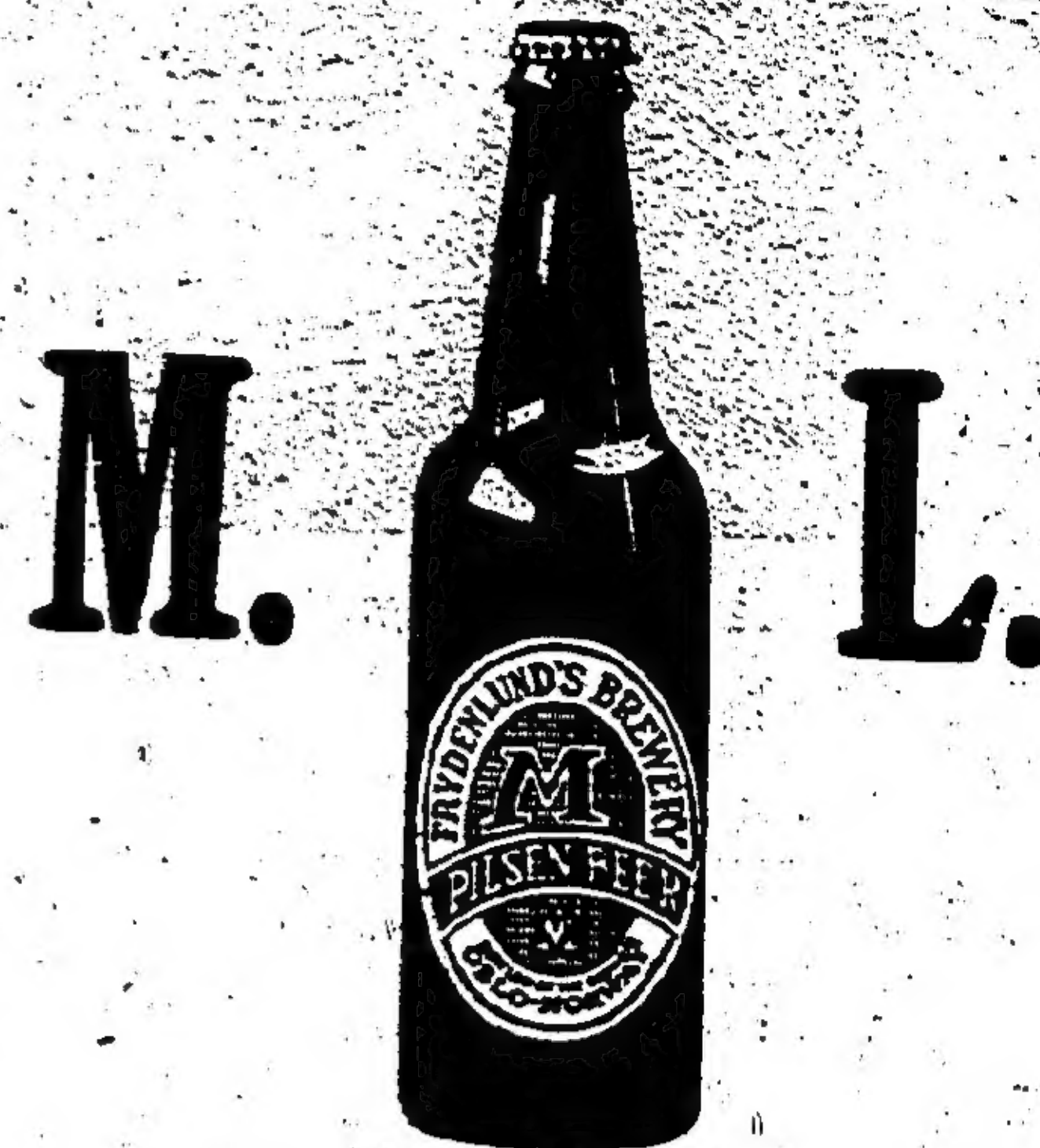
When "jamming" occurs, the wave-length of the offending station is measured on a special instrument. If the offender is off his own "road" an instruction is at once sent for the fault to be corrected.

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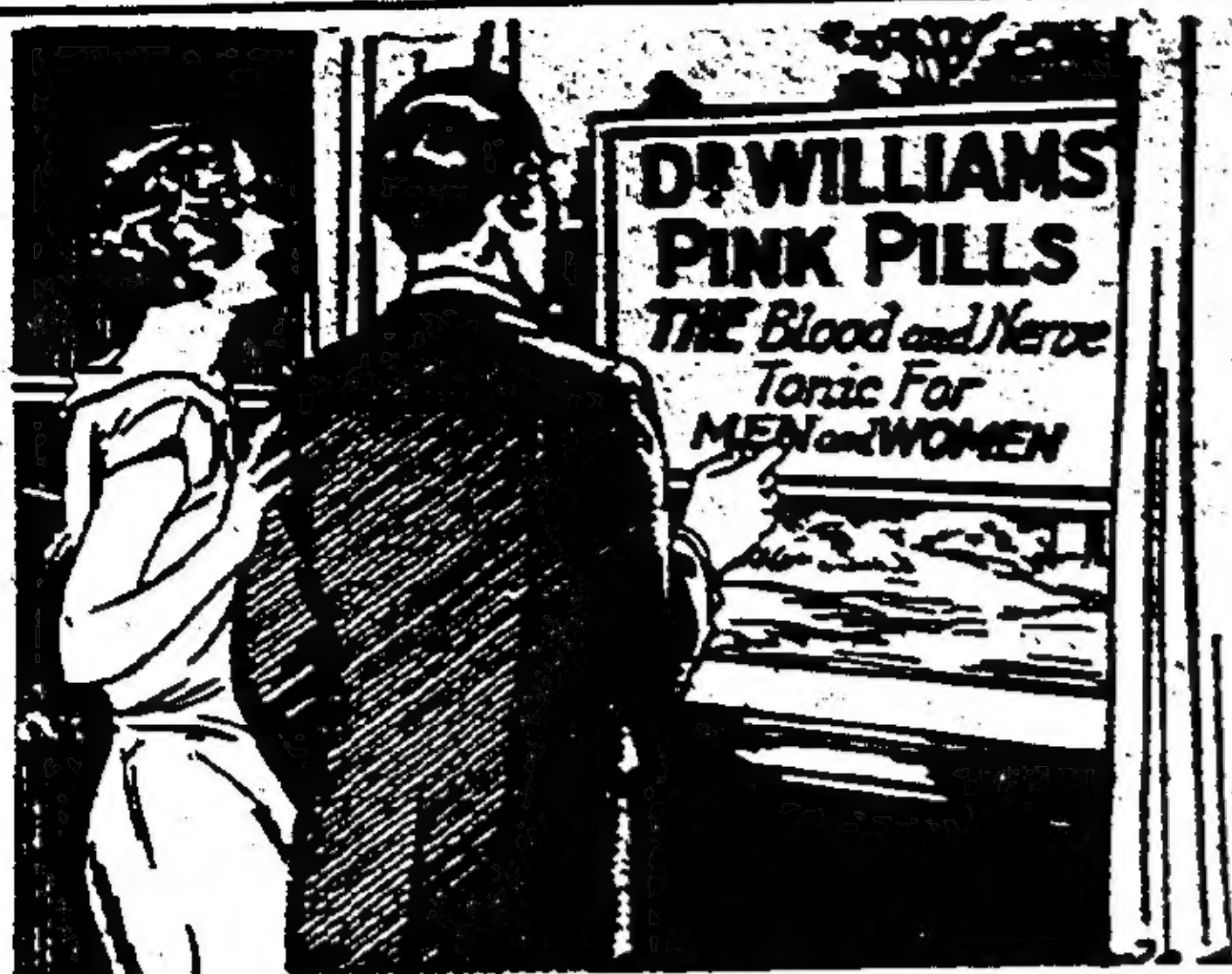
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## MURDER AT TAIPO

### OLD WOMAN FOUND STRANGLED

#### ROBBERY THE MOTIVE

The body of a 50-year-old woman, Li Kam-yin, was found with a rope tied tightly round her neck in the front cubicle of a house at Wah Yeh Street, Taiipo Market, in the early hours of yesterday, and although they did not receive the report until about 8 a.m., the Police believe the murder was committed four hours previously.

Investigations under the charge of Inspector C. R. Rozeksky, are being carried out, but so far no arrests have been made. The police have not been assisted much in their investigations as the other occupants of the house—the woman's mother and adopted family—are unable to give a coherent account of what happened.

Robbers' Visit  
It appears, however, that about 4 a.m. several men forced their way into the house, tied up some members of the family and strangled the woman by knotting a piece of rope around her neck. They then took her keys from her girdle, opened a safe in which she kept her money and ransacked it.

The amount of money stolen is not known as the woman was secretive about her financial affairs. It is understood, however, that it was a comparatively large sum, and that the robbers had apparently heard gossip about it.

## ANOTHER CAR MISHAP

### Four Chinese Taken To Hospital

In an attempt to avoid some pedestrians, a private car with four occupants, including the driver, ran off the road and collided with a rock near the P.W.D. depot at Castle Peak Road on Friday last.

The occupants, all of whom suffered cuts and bruises, were taken to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. They were Shek Hon-yau, the driver, and Wong Hon-kin, Shek Chi-kin and Yan Chin-yip, all of them folk residing at No. 35 Nathan Road.

The car was badly damaged by the impact.

## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (345 Kc's), 31.49 metres. (9.52 megacycles).

#### MESSAGE BY H.R.H. THE DUKE OF KENT

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 p.m.—Hawaiian Melodies.

1.10 p.m.—Les Green at the Piano.

1.30 p.m.—Buster Brass, Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Dance Music.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.

5 p.m.—A Relay of Dance Music from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

6.15 p.m.—A Relay of a portion of the Orchestral Concert by the Manned Royal Marine Bands (Kind permission of V.C. Admiral Sir Charles Little, K.C.B.) from the China Fleet Club. Under Direction of Mr. R. E. Compton, L.R.A.M.

7 p.m.—London—Big Ben. A Message by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, on the Occasion of the centenary of the State of South Australia.

7.05 p.m.—A Pianoforte Recital by Ignaz Friedman.

Mazurka—Op. 24, No. 4, (Chopin).

Mazurka—Op. 33, No. 4, (Chopin).

Berceuse (Chopin).

1.18 p.m.—Three Arias by Enrico Caruso. (Tenor).

"Xenos"—Omnia Mai Fu (Handel).

Annus Dei (Bizet).

"Maria"—Like a dream (Flotow).

7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m.—Variety.

Band—Memories of Horatio Nicholls.

Deboy Somers Band.

Vocal—Would you? ..... Greta Keller.

Vocal—When the moon hangs high.

The Hill Billies.

Orchestra—We've got Rhythm—Fox-Trot.

Medley—Mario Lorenzi and his Rhythmic.

Vocal—All my life.

Where am I? ..... Leslie Hutchinson.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Relay from the Chinese Theatre.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m.—European Programme from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05 p.m.—Vienna Boheme Orchestra.

Liebesleid (Love's Sorrow).

(Kreisler).

Liebesleid (Love's Joy).

(Kreisler).

Valze Romantique (Heinecke).

Die Hochzeit der Winde, Waltz.

(Hall).

8.18 p.m.—Mavis Bennett (Soprano) and Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Peter Dawson—The Strong go on (Thayer).

Good green acres of Home (Kahal & Fain).

Mavis Bennett—The Doll's Song (Offenbach).

Peter Dawson—Covered Wagon Lullaby (Freeman & Leonard).

Mavis Bennett—Pretty Mocking Bird (Bishop).

Peter Dawson—Rolling alone (Akst & Richman).

Lord the covered wagon (Kane & Hunt).

8.43 p.m.—"Tintarel" and "Mediterranean" (Baz) by the New Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by Eugene Goossens.

9 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.

9.20 p.m.—Orquesta Tipica Roberto Firpo.

Pasodoble—Bella Espanola.

Tango—La Cacaracha.

Rumba—La Cucaracha.

Tango—A media luz.

Pasodoble—Por mi memoria.

Pasodoble—Curro en el oro.

9.40 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Cinema Organ.

Dixon Request Medley.

Waltz Selection.

Dixon Hits, No. 2.

"Mississippi"—Film Selection.

10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.

Dance Music.

## THREE CENTURIES IN FOUR MATCHES

### (Continued from Page 2)

The Army, went for the runs, but were dismissed for a meagre 95. Garthwaite batted very well for his 30 and was the only batsman who showed at all confidence against some really good bowling by Prowse, who captured 6 wickets for 38.

#### Second Match

The second match of the series was played on Saturday and the Army were most fortunate to escape defeat, being 116 runs in arrears with their last two men batting.

Alec Pattee was chiefly responsible for the score of 249 for 6, hitting no less than 17 fours and a six in his score of 100. McLeish and Ride were also well in the fore, the former scoring 53 and the latter being undefeated with 41.

The Army made no effort to get the runs and in one hour's batting before tea had scored only 40 runs for the loss of one wicket. Thereafter, they collapsed against the bowling of Holden, (4 for 42) and were very lucky to stave off defeat.

#### Only Draw Needed

The Navy have now only to draw with the Club to win the Tournament, although a win for the latter would make them (the Club), champions.

A most enjoyable game was played at King's Park, where the Navy and Kowloon Cricket Club senior elevens met in their annual Boxing Day encounter. The Navy had first lease of the wicket and, thanks to a sound innings by Surg-Lt Davenport, who scored 58, totalled 182 runs. Going in with the score at 33 for three, Davenport played a most invaluable knock, which included ten 4's and three 5's.

#### Fincher's Century

The K.C.C. had lost five wickets for 146 at 5.10 and in trying to force a win lost a further three wickets for the addition of only two runs. Ernie Fincher was the only Kowloon batsman to meet with any success. After a slow start against some accurate bowling by Boucher and Prowse he went on to score 102 and was undefeated at the close.

A feature of his batting was his fine leg gliding and beautiful square-cutting. This was one of the best innings I have ever seen Fincher play, although he gave one chance whilst in the seventies and another shortly before he reached his century. The next highest score was 14!

Boucher bowled extraordinarily well. Left-handed with rather an awkward action, he kept a beautiful length and fought the ball very well. In the last few Navy fixtures Boucher has met with considerable success and the recent fine showing of the Navy can be directly attributed to his fine all-round displays.

The game between the junior teams of these two Clubs was chiefly featured by good innings by Comdr. D'Arcy Evans (Navy) and P.O.N. Dunne (K.C.C.) who made 100 and 88 respectively.

Navy declared at 251 for 5 at 3.00 o'clock. In addition to D'Arcy Evans, Triggs (29), Fynn (49 not out) and Hunting (25) made useful contributions.

#### Hurricane Style

The K.C.C. had lost six wickets for 167 runs when stumps were drawn. Dunne batted in hurricane style and was only 75 minutes at the crease. He hit 17 fours and a six.

At the Craigengower Cricket Club, the Bachelors proved too good for the Benedicts and emerged victors by 51 runs. The Christmas spirit was very much in evidence and the game was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Chief honours went to F. R. Zimmern, who took four "Married" wickets for 18 and followed this up by scoring 38 runs. A. B. H. Easall also batted well for the "Singles," compiling 49 runs.

#### FEAR FOR SEA WALL

Residents concerned for the safety of Dymchurch sea wall during the winter rough seas have been informed by the authorities that there is no cause for alarm.

## FIRE ALARM AT THE WAR OFFICE

### Staff Member Injured

A small fire in a grate at the War Office caused a lot of excitement in Whitehall last month.

A clerk was burning papers in a small room in the basement when a down draught filled the room with smoke. He was partly overcome by the fumes, and gave the alarm.

Three fire engines arrived. The firemen ran hoses through the front door of the War Office, put on their gasmasks, and fixed fire-escapes.

Policemen inside called the ambulance.

The corridors were filled with smoke. Civil employees went out into the street until the all-clear.

John Andrews, aged 51, was taken to Westminster Hospital, suffering from burns on the face.



## DISAPPOINTING MATCH

### (Continued from Page 2)

In view of the fact that the previous night had been Boxing Night, there was some excuse for slight unpunctuality, but in a game of this description, one feels that efforts should have been made to insure the presence of competent umpires. Apart from the fact that inefficient umpiring mars a game, it is not very pleasant for a volunteer to be replaced in the course of a game, as happened yesterday, when Mr. McLeish was asked to relieve one official who obviously had never functioned in a similar capacity before.

#### One Good Move

Whites turned out as advertised, but there were one or two changes in Colours' team. Miss R. Smalley played at right-back in place of Miss Gray, and Miss D. Hunt filled the left-wing position in the absence of Miss Westcott, who has left for Shanghai on a short visit.

The one really good combined movement of the whole game was initiated soon after the commencement by Miss Marie Smith, who gained possession, passed out to Miss Hunt on the wing, who in turn took the ball down to the opposition "25" and centred beautifully for Mrs. Donald to send in a first-time drive that gave Mrs. Rose no chance. From then onward, the whole game was disappointing.

There were one or two bright spots. Mrs. Donald revealed that she is the logical selection for centre-forward. Possessing an amazing turn of speed, her fine positioning and hard drive at goal resulted in her scoring no fewer than seven goals. Of the other forwards on view, Miss O. Daziel maintained her consistency. Miss Gittins was disappointing, as was Miss M. Smith, while Miss Silva and Miss Marsh were always aggressive.

#### Good Halves

Both goal-keepers were unreliable, but Miss Smalley and Miss Walker did fairly well at back. The Colours' intermediate line, Mrs. Silva, Miss J. Wong, and Miss K. Glover were good, a pleasing feature of their game being their support of the forwards when in attack. Miss I. Woolley, for the Whites, also gave a good display and should be a strong contender for a place in the Interport eleven.

Owing to the lack of combination, the Selectors must have learned very little from yesterday's game. They must, by now, however, have a fairly good idea of what the team will be. I feel that if they played the various sections of this team together, i.e., defence against attack, they would obviate a repetition of yesterday's fiasco, when the Colours, apparently a potential Interport eleven, overwhelmed Whites without ever being extended.

On the trials so far, the following would be my selection for the Interport XI—

Mrs. Rose (St. Andrews), Miss E. M. Gray (H.K.), Miss A. Foster (T.), Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.), Miss J. Wong (St. Andrews), Miss K. Glover (H.K.), Miss O. Daziel (T.), Miss W. Marsh (H.K.), Mrs. Donald (H.K.), Miss M. Smith (T.) and Miss M. Westcott (T.).

## MUSIC TREAT FOR HONG KONG

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#### EXCELLENT PROGRAMME

A musical entertainment, seldom heard in Hong Kong, will be given at the China Fleet Club to-day at 5.30 p.m. when massed bands from the Royal Marines will give an orchestral concert of popular music, under the direction of Mr. R. E. Compton. The orchestra will be comprised of 56 piccos, a fact which should appeal to music lovers as it is many years since a combination of this size has been heard in the Colony.

Proceeds are in aid of naval charities. Admission to the circle is \$1 and to the stalls, 75 cents. Bookings can be made at Anderson's.

The full programme is as follows:

Grand March ("Tannhauser") ..... Wagner.  
Rhapsody ("No. 1") ..... Liszt.  
Cello solo ("Solweig's Song") ..... Grieg.  
Violin Duet ("The Herd Girl's Dream") ..... Labinsky.  
Selection ("The Gondoliers") ..... Sullivan.  
Selection ("Samson and Delilah") ..... Saint-Saens.  
Waltz ("Beautiful Danse") ..... Strauss.  
Sketches ("Caucasian") ..... Ippolitoff-Ivanoff.  
Selection ("Lilac Time") ..... Schubert.  
March ("A Life on the Ocean Wave") ..... God Save the King.

## WAITED IN VAIN FOR BREAD

### Bakers' Roundsmen Go On Strike

#### WIDE AREA AFFECTED

People over a wide area of South-East London waited as usual last month for their baker to call—but they waited in vain. The Reason—Two-thirds of the roundsmen employed by one of the largest bakery firms in the district—F. Coldrey and Sons, Ltd., which has 20 shops in West Norwood, Croydon, Addiscombe, Coulsdon, and Beckenham—went on strike just before deliveries were due to start.

The strike followed a dispute between the company and the men's union, which has placed before the manager a schedule of wages and conditions.

Employers' Statement  
By mid-day the shops of the firm were being inundated with telephone calls from customers all asking the same question, "What has happened to the roundsmen to-day?"

They were told of the trouble and asked to call for their bread.

On behalf of the employers, it was stated: "We know of no dispute with the men at all; the whole trouble is with the union."

A scheme for regulating conditions in the baking trade has been under discussion between the London Master Bakers and the Amalgamated Union of Operative Bakers for some time.

## OLD RESIDENT PASSES

### Mr. Jorge H. da Silva

The death occurred at his residence, No. 151 Tam King Road, Kowloon City, yesterday of Mr. Jorge Honorio da Silva at the age of 51 years.

The late Mr. da Silva was well known to the seafaring community, and had been employed as an engineer for some 40 years. He had been in bad health for a long period, after a well earned retirement from service at Holt's Wharf.

Deceased is the father of Mr. C. G. da Silva, the well-known Club de Recreio and Interport lawn bowler, and is survived by five sons and a daughter, these being Mr. G. H. da Silva and Mr. C. G. da Silva of the Hong Kong Electric Company, Mr. A. L. da Silva of the Chartered Bank, Mr. G. F. da Silva of the Macao Electric Co., Mr. A. P. da Silva of the Colonial Electric Co., and Miss Maria da Silva.

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## Amusements

Cinema Notes From  
The Theatres"OUR RELATIONS"—KINGS  
THEATRE

Laurel and Hardy play dual roles for the first time in a feature. Naturally, they portray their twin brothers (where could doubles be found?) and it affords double the opportunities for their whimsical pantomime and fantastic action.

"Our Relations," based on W. W. Jacobs' short story, "The Money Box," is rated the fastest-moving and funniest vehicle ever starred by the renowned comedians.

"Our relations" is something entirely different and more entertaining than any of the past Laurel and Hardy feature comedies. The excellent supporting cast features, besides Sidney Toler, Lona Andre and Iris Adrian, James Finlayson, Alan Hale, Arthur Housman, Ralf Harolde and Noel Madison. The picture was directed by Harry Lachman.

"VALIANT IS THE WORD FOR  
CARRIE"—QUEEN'S  
THEATRE

The motion picture version of Barry Benfield's best-selling novel, "Valiant Is The Word For Carrie," brings to the screen Gladys George, noted dramatic actress, supported by an elaborate cast.

Miss George has been a stage actress for many years but did not attract the attention of Hollywood until she made a new record in New York last year by appearing in 700 successive performances of "Personal Appearance."

She is an actress of great charm and ability and big things are expected of her by Hollywood. "Valiant Is The Word For Carrie" is the story of Carrie Snyder, a woman frowned upon by "respectable" residents of a small Louisiana town, and her friendship with a small boy. When the boy is forsaken by the world, she takes him, together with an orphan girl, and brings them up as her own. The years pass and Carrie becomes a highly successful operator of a dry-cleaning business. The children grow up and when it seems that all is serenity, a situation arises which leads to Carrie's arrest.

Before the trial she is faced with a dilemma. The children know nothing of her past. To go through with a trial would mean that the whole tawdry story of her former career would be paraded before them. To plead guilty and waive the trial would mean a long jail term. But in that case the children would never know. She makes her decision in a thrilling climax.

Supporting Miss George are Arline Judge, John Howard, Isabel Jewell, Harry Carey, Dudley Digges and many others.

"IF YOU COULD ONLY COOK"—  
STAR THEATRE

This romantic comedy brings to the screen a new love team, Herbert Marshall and Jean Arthur. And it also marks Miss Arthur's initial appearance as a full-fledged star.

In "If You Could Only Cook," Marshall is seen as a disgraced millionaire. Not disgraced because he doesn't know what to do with his money, but because he is about to marry a girl he doesn't love and who doesn't love him. And further, because his board of directors has been annoying him. Instead of getting drunk, he goes and sits in the park.

Here he meets Miss Arthur, who is scanning the want ads for a job. She mistakes him for another unemployed member of society and invites him to go with her to answer an ad for a married couple: a butler and a maid. Marshall, on the spur of the moment, accepts, and off go the millionaire and the young lady and get the job.

They find themselves working for a big-shot racketeer; Leo Carrillo plays this role. And when both Marshall and Carrillo fall in love with Marshall's "wife," things happen. Especially when Marshall has a previous commitment to marry a society girl on a fast-approaching date.

"MODERN TIMES"—MAJESTIC  
THEATRE

Written, directed and produced by Charlie Chaplin. "Modern Times" introduces the familiar comic little figure of the tramp in the baggy trousers, derby and huge shoes into a new world. He is first seen as a worker in a big

steel factory, tightening bolts on a moving track. The factory, with its fantastically huge and complicated machines, is like an evilly enchanted forest to Charlie, and he gets into all sorts of hilarious difficulties here before the monotony of his work "gets" him and he goes temporarily barmy.

Thereafter, his life is a series of adventures and misadventures, in the course of which he wanders into and out of jobs (ranging from night watchman to singing waiter) and goes with an admirable impartiality, and manages along the way to play knight-errant to a lovely little gamine of the water-front. This role introduces Charlie's beautiful and gifted new leading lady, Paulette Goddard, who brings a fresh, radiant young personality to the screen.

"THE SEA SPOILERS"—  
ALHAMBRA THEATRE

This adventure picture, starring John Wayne and a grand cast, glorifies the thrills and romance of the United States Coast Guard patrol in Alaska. "The Sea Spoilers" depicts dramatically the depredations of a gang of sea going bandits who constantly pit their wits against the Coast Guardsmen in their nefarious trade of slaughtering seals along the northern coast.

It is a new and vigorous type of role for the talents of John Wayne and he plays it to the hilt supported by Nan Grey, Fuzzy Knight and William Bakewell. The capture of the poachers' stronghold throbs with pulse-gripping suspense and a flaming climax.

Nan Grey portrays the fiancée of a Coast Guard officer. She is kidnapped and held hostage by the leader of a seal-poaching gang. When John Wayne seeks to rescue Nan and corral the poachers, the story reaches its highest tempo of thrills.

"DANCING PIRATE"—  
ORIENTAL THEATRE

Gay comedy, punctuated with musical surprises, premeates Pioneer Pictures' feature "Dancing Pirate" the first dancing romance ever filmed in the new 100 per cent Technicolor.

The story, beginning with brief action in Boston, moves rapidly to early Spanish California and humorously reveals a phenomenon of love. Because of the emotion, one very fastidious decorous and aesthetic young Bostonian becomes a swashbuckling, hard-fighting Romeo and wins the heart of a fiery Spanish beauty.

The title role is in the hands of Charles Collins, the screen's new dancing sensation. The girl is portrayed by Stef Duna. The comedy is personified mainly by Frank Morgan whose role as the "Alcalde" (Mayor) is said to provide him with opportunities equal to those he capitalized upon in "The Affairs of Cellini."

The cast also has Luis Alberni, Victor Varconi, Jack LaRue and Wm. V. Mong in humorous characterizations.

SUNSHINE HOUSES  
OPENEDLord Horder Performs  
Ceremony

Lord Horder last month opened 51 cottages at "Sunshine Way," Bond-road, Mitcham, which have been built by Church Army Housing Ltd. at a cost of £31,000. Six of the cottages are of special type in which windows open outwards to their full extent.

These cottages have sun balconies suitable for sleeping out, and each one has its own garden and is fitted with electric light and gas-cooking.

The average rent, which differs according to the wage of the occupant, will work out at 15s per week. The majority of the new tenants will come from Southwark, and waited 10 years for a home.

The Mayor of Mitcham, Alderman J. P. Turner, who welcomed Lord and Lady Horder, said that the Mitcham Council had not been behind in building houses for the working classes.

The Bishop of Kingston, the Right Rev. P. O. T. Hawkes, blessed the houses and said he was glad to see that low rents were being charged.

## BRIDGE NOTES

Stubbornness Does  
Not Pay

By Ed. Colverton

Just as most brilliant plays can be placed in a definite category: Vienna coup, double squeeze, elimination play, etc., so the "bulls" at the bridge table run according to type. One of these types occurs frequently in the defence of no trump contracts. A defender doggedly plugs away at establishing a suit even though it would do him no good to establish it, since, as the bridgism goes, "he couldn't get into his own hand with a jimmy." Such a play as West made today, for instance.

South, dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH  
S—9  
H—Q 9  
D—K Q 10 6 5 3  
C—A J 9 2

WEST EAST  
S—Q 10 6 3 S—K J 4  
H—K J 8 6 4 H—5 3 2  
D—8 2 D—A J 4  
C—5 4 C—Q 8 7 3

SOUTH  
S—A 8 7 5 2  
H—A 10 7  
D—9 7  
C—K 10 6

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 spade Pass 2 diamonds Pass  
2 no trump Pass 3 no trump Pass  
Pass Pass

"South's two no trump bid was a distinct stretch."

West opened his fourth highest heart and dummy's nine could have held, but declarer saw at a glance that the bulk of his tricks had to come from the diamond suit. Therefore he overtook with the ten spot and led a diamond up to dummy. East captured the king with his ace and returned the five of hearts. Declarer ducked and West won with the king. Now, despite the fact that a long diamond suit, either established or within a trick of establishment, stared him in the face, and further despite the fact that he would have no quick entry for his heart suit after forcing out declarer's ace, West stubbornly con. nued with hearts. Declarer won, and after conceding the jack of diamonds to East, laid down the hand for nine tricks without even attempting a club finesse for the queen.

After West took the king of hearts, elementary reasoning would have demanded a shift of leads. The diamond suit menace was pressing; it was vital to try a suit that might produce at least two tricks, and produce them quickly! Dummy's club holding made that shift look unpropitious. The one remaining chance was in spades. That the declarer had started with a spade bid should have cut absolutely no ice; if the defenders could not get two spade tricks they could not get two from anywhere!

Obviously, a spade shift would have defeated the contract handily.



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THE SLUMS**

**Row Of Cottages And  
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A strong plea for a complete reversal of the present housing policy was made last month by Miss Elizabeth Denby in a lecture in "Rehousing from the Slumdweller's Point of View," delivered to the Royal Institute of British Architects. Miss Denby was awarded three years ago a Leverhulme Research Fellowship to study slum clearance and rehousing.

She criticised present slum clearance methods on two main grounds. First, the higher rent consequent on rehousing forced the

working man and his wife with the alternatives of remaining in unhealthy or overcrowded apartments for which they paid a comparatively low rent, or moving into purer air and greater space and stunting their children's food.

Secondly, the new council estates, whether cottages or flats, did to pass the acid test of what the tenants themselves thought of them.

Miss Denby urged a re-development of central areas on the lines of the new Regency cottages built in the Regency days, with a small garden in front and a long narrow balcony. These cottages had a "home" feel, and a sense of privacy, and a density of 50 and 60 dwellings to the acre, which was the density grounds. First, the higher rent consequent on rehousing forced the



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## GANDHI BREAKS SILENCE

National Congress Impressed

Fairfax, To-day.  
Mahatma Gandhi broke his half-yearly silence in a speech made at the Village Industries Exhibition held in connection with the National Congress here yesterday.

He said "Show me the way and I will be prepared to go back to jail, prepared to be hanged. If you do what I want the Viceroy will have to admit that he has been wrong and will offer to return with the rest of the Britons by the next steamer." The Mahatma said that he would, then reply that "India is big enough to hold you and more like you."  
The speech deeply impressed the Congress camp as a possible forecast of the Mahatma's re-entry to active politics.

Interviewed by Reuters, however, Gandhi scorned such an interpretation of his speech.—Reuters.

## DRAMATIC RESCUE OFF DAKAR

Crew Of Air Liner Saved

Dakar, To-day.  
A German South-Atlantic air liner was dramatically saved yesterday by a fast motor cutter belonging to a rival French line. The cutter was passing when the plane landed on the sea after losing her propeller.

The crew was transferred to the cutter but the plane was abandoned owing to a heavy sea.—Reuters.

## PRETORIA LEAVES SOUTHAMPTON

Delayed 60 Hours On Maiden Voyage

London, To-day.  
The German liner Pretoria left Southampton yesterday for Cape Town after a delay of 60 hours. The captain of the liner stated that he expects to arrive according to schedule and will omit the calls at Lisbon and Casablanca.—Reuters.

It will be recalled that the Pretoria, which was on her maiden voyage from Hamburg to South Africa, ran into a mudbank just outside Southampton but was finally refloated at high water and with the assistance of tug boats.

## LARGE FIRE IN UNDERGROUND RAILWAY STN.

(Continued from Page 1)

Anxiety is also felt for the neighbouring buildings which the work on excavation necessitated supporting on iron beams. It must be expected that these will become red-hot and give way. Special precautionary measures, however, have now been taken by engineers for this eventuality.

Fortunately there were no workers in the tunnel when the outbreak occurred, the only persons underground being watchmen, who were able to save themselves in time.—Trans-Ocean Service.

**EXCAVATORS TO RESCUE**  
Berlin: Excavators aided fire-fighters to tear up a roadway in Potsdamerplatz to enable the latter to reach a big fire raging in the tunnel of the underground railway which is now under construction.

The baulks of sleepers and tar barrels fed the flames and the dense clouds of smoke prevented all approach through the tunnel. General Goering and Dr. Goebbels joined the huge throng of watchers.

**DANGER AVERTED**  
Later: The underground fire was practically extinguished by 1 a.m. after 17 fire brigades had been in operation, directed by the head of the Fire Brigade with a loud speaker from a special car. Many of the underground workshops, most of the electric wiring and wooden panelling were destroyed.—Reuters.

## MARCHER'S GIFT FOR HOST

Before the Jarrow marchers left Chesterfield on their way to London last month, they presented a pipe to Mr. E. M. Carruthers, curator of Trinity Church Institute, where they stayed for the weekend.

## COLDEST SNAP THIS YEAR

52.9 Degrees Recorded At Royal Observatory Yesterday

Following the mild weather so far experienced, the lowest reading this Winter was recorded yesterday morning between 6 and 7 a.m. when the temperature was 52.9 degrees.  
The coldest December reading on record was on December 23, 1896 when 40.7 degrees was registered.

## LORD MAYOR ON CITY FOOD SAFEGUARDS

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LORD MAYOR'S SPEECH

What the nation owes to the Corporation of the City of London in safeguarding health by way of food supplies was the theme of the Lord Mayor, Sir George Broadbridge, at a City dinner last month.

He was responding to the civic toast at a presentation dinner, at Innholders' Hall, E.C., to Capt. G. S. Elliston, M.P., late chairman of the Public Health Committee of the Corporation, at which the present chairman, Mr. Gerald McDonald, presided.

## No Cause For Anxiety

The Lord Mayor asked if it was fully realised what vital services the Corporation rendered through its committees and expert officials to the health of the nation as a whole. Among the various matters dealt with by the Corporation was the distribution of meat by way of Smithfield, fish passing through Billingsgate, and fruit and vegetables which reached the consumer by way of Spitalfields.

Thanks to the meticulous methods of inspection at those markets and at the Port of London, there was very little chance of any food being distributed through London which could give the slightest cause for anxiety.

## PROGRAMME GIRL WRITES A PLAY

Six Months' Work Bring Reward

PRODUCED AT STOCKPORT

Nina Jarvis sells programmes at the Haymarket Theatre, writes a Home correspondent. For years she has seen plays, not as you and I see them, but the same show hundreds and hundreds of times.

Every night she has gone home to her little flat in Charing Cross-road and thought about the theatre and the plays she had seen, for Nina is very interested.

One day she started to write. She went on for six months, writing and correcting.

One day that play was finished.

She Showed Him  
Very scared, Nina told Mr. Stuart Watts, the Haymarket's general manager, about it, and he said, "Let's have a look at it." So she showed him the play, a light comedy which she had called "Where is Bohemia."

Mr. Watts declared, "This is extremely good; I don't want a play for the Haymarket at the moment but something ought to be done."

And something was done. And Nina's play produced last month at the Garrick Theatre, Stockport, by one of the oldest amateur companies in the country.

**An Artist's Model**  
"I suppose I spent about six months on this play," she said. "It is about the life of an artist's model abiding, that it isn't all gaiety and fun, but often dull and poorly paid."

While the play is not autobiographical, Miss Jarvis does know about what she is writing, for she has been an artist's model herself.

## OFF TO ANTARCTIC

A party of 118 Hull fishermen set sail last month in two whale factory ships from North Shields for four months' whaling in the Antarctic.

## GERMAN GENERAL PASSES

Distinguished War Career

MILITARY ADVISER TO NANKING IN 1935

Berlin, To-day.—The death is reported here of General von Seeckt, reconstructor of the post-war Germany army.—Reuters.

Berlin: General von Seeckt who was 71 years of age, died suddenly, news of his demise coming as a great blow to his many friends and associates as he had only recently as Christmas Day been visiting the soldiers of the 67th Infantry Regiment, of which he was appointed Commander-in-Chief by Chancellor Hitler on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

General von Seeckt had a distinguished war career and his name has been a household word in Germany since 1920, when he was made Commander-in-Chief of the German army, which he subsequently developed into a highly qualified and efficient force. He retired in 1926 and since then he had made several journeys abroad, including China, being the Military Adviser to the Nanking Government in 1934-35.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## SCHOOLS NOVEL EXHIBITION

"Family Treasures" On View

HEIRLOOMS WORTH £1,500

An unusual exhibition was held last month at Sloane School, Chelsea, of family treasures and heirlooms of the school's parents. The exhibits included:

A clock, stated to have been at Lochleven Castle during the stay of Mary, Queen of Scots;  
Hat and sandals worn by Charles Laughton in the film "Rembrandt";

Signed portraits of King George V, Queen Mary, Edward VII, and Queen Victoria;  
Chains and banners used by Suffragettes in 1908;

Pieces of a fifteenth century scaffold;  
Buffalo Bill's buckskins;

A 5ft sword with which Sir Christopher Seton defended Robert Bruce in 1306;

Irving's "Hamlet"

The "Hamlet" prompt book of Sir Henry Irving;  
A whip belonging to Fred Archer, the champion jockey of last century;

A photograph taken by Lewis Carroll;

A railway timetable for 1844;  
A quill pen belonging to Nelson, found in his cabin in the Victory after Trafalgar; and

A book-mark made from a piece of the fabric of the U. S. Army balloon, "Explorer," which last year reached a record altitude of 72,395 feet.

A collection of ship and air-liner models included the Queen Mary, shown proportionate in size to Trafalgar-square, and an illuminated water-line model of the French liner Normandie. War relics included a replica of the German medal struck to commemorate the sinking of the Lusitania, and food ration tickets.

## Buried For Years

The headmaster of Sloane School held the exhibition to raise funds to meet the expenses incurred in sending the school's Scouts to the jamboree in Holland next year.

"Many of these exhibits have been buried for years as family treasures," Mr. Goodbourn, the school Scoutmaster, who is supervising the exhibition, said. "The stamp and coin collections are of considerable value."

Special police precautions were taken to prevent burglary, the exhibition being valued at a rough estimate at £1,500 at least. One exhibit alone was insured for £100.

## SNAKE IN CHURCH

A snake 27in long, hidden in a sheaf of corn, was found in a mission hall at Burton, Leicestershire, after the harvest festival last month.

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